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Stop attacking media. Netanyahu urges

MICHAL YUDELMAN and SARAH HONIG

LIKUD attacks on the media and threats to "settle accounts" with journalists and to privatize the Israel Broadcasting Authority aroused a storm yesterday among politicians, National Pederation of Israeli Journalists, and the IBA.

Prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu came out in defense of the media, saying it serves a vital role in democratic life. He noted that any debate on the media's functioning should be held in a responsible and cultured manner.

Posters calling for the dismissal of Channel 1 news anchor Haim Yavin and Channel 2 political correspondent Gadi Sukenik were seen at the Likud's victory rally Sunday night, where thousands of activists reacted angrily when Netanyahu first mentioned the

word "media," IBA workers expressed concern over the Likud's threats, and especially MK Limor Livnat's statements about privatizing the IBA and its allegedly faulty operation during the campaign. The workers noted that privatizing the IBA meant firing at least half of them.

Livnat, who has been mentioned as a possible next communications minister, maintained that, "It is not vengeance which propels us to privatize the IBA, but our world view."

Nevertheless, she stressed that, We have too many causes for grievance when it comes to the electronic media, in particular Channel 1. Its attitude was one of discrimination unmitigated against the Likud. There is a tendency among its journalists to demonize all Likud politicians and supporters, and to glorify all those on the Labor side.

The journalists' private inclina-tions are too often expressed in the way they treat issues on the air. Their attitude to anyone who does not share their opinions and agenda is supercilious and confrontational. Likud politicians are interviewed with hostility and are cut off before completing a sen-

She added that, "The tendentiousness of the electronic media reached unprecedented proportions on Election Day. The radio kept telling voters every half hour that Jewish right-wing extremists were seeking to assassinate [Shimon] Peres. Throughout the day, they kept exhorting Arab voters to come out and vote to save Peres and prevent a Likud victory.

But they were biased before Election Day, too. We could hardly get an interview for Netanyahu and when we fixed a date, they kept changing it again and again, until they found a spot at a time in which the ratings were lowest. If Peres refused to appear on the same program with Netsnyabir even in separate interviews -Netanyahn was simply excluded. He never got equal time and when he was finally interviewed, it was with unconcealed animosity and attempts to belittle him and nearly each of his replies was cut off by repeated carping comments."
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Coalition talks continue in Jerusalem yesterday, as (from left) the Likud's Mosbe Katsav greets Shas MK Raphael Pinhasi and Vitzhak Mordechai of the Likud shakes hands with Avigdor Kahalani of The Third Way.

Netanyahu, PM to discuss transfer of power

PRIME minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu is to meet with Prime Minister Shimon Peres this moming to discuss the transfer of

When this will actually happen depends on how smoothly and quickly the coalition talks that began yesterday proceed. Top Netanyahu aide Avigdor Lieberman, who is designated to become director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, continued to insist yesterday the cabinet will be in place by June 17, when the new Knesset convenes for the first

Netanyahu, however, said yesterday he is in no hurry to put together his government and that the process might take until the July 20 deadline for presentation of the

Some in the Likud said last night that Netanyahu and Lieberman are playing the game of "good cop" and "bad cop," with Netanyahu signating be is in no rush and under no pressure to vield to the demands of his likely coalition partners.

Likud sources note the religious parties have little leverage, since under the new electoral system there is no way they can switch allegiance to the other bloc. In addition, Netanyahu can always threaten them with a national unity

This, however, did not prevent the parties from opening yesterday's negotiations with tough demands. Shas, for example, demanded three portfolios for its 10 MKs - Interior, Religious Affairs, and Labor and Social Affairs. It also wants three deputy ministers. It may appoint people who are not MKs as ministers; names mentioned include David Yosef, son of Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, and former Petah Tikva deputy mayor Sinai Gilboa.

MK Ariel Sharon is said to be

sulking. He is in the dark about

the portfolio which prime minis-

ter-elect Binyamin Netanyahu

has earmarked for him and is not

sure that it will be Finance,

However, those close to

Sharon hotly deny that he has

threatened to leave the Knesset

and political life. Those close to

Netanyahu deny with equal

vehemence that the two had a

falling out over the phone on

The Likud was rife with talk about "an unpleasant phone con-

versation" between Sharon and

campaign, said yesterday.

ed to Ramon's campaign strategy.

ever gone through.

in Teomim last night.

Netanyahu on Saturday night, in

which he covets.

Saturday night

Formal coalition talks get underway

SARAH HONIG

Lieberman, who met with the Shas delegation, nixed this on the spot, telling Shas it cannot expect to have a sixth of the 18 ministers and half of the deputy ministers. But Shas leader Arych Deri, in a meeting later with Netanyahu, repeated these demands.

National Religious Party leader Zevulun Hammer, who also met with Netanyahu, also demanded the Education portfolio. Like Deri, he rejected any intention to fix a different ratio of MKs per minister for the Likud than for the other parties.

Hammer stressed that the religious parties had decided to operate as a bloc and coordinate their demands as much as possible. Yisrael

Ba'aliya's Sharansky also met with Netanyahu yesterday, as well as with The Third Way's Avigdor Kahalani, who later had a session with Netanyahu as well.

Kahalani reported that he "never got to discuss portfolios. We talked about the new government's guidelines, which is what really counts as far as we are concerned. We want the continuation of the peace process, the maintenance of the status quo on religious affairs, and the development of the settle-

ments, especially on the Golan." United Torah Judaism does not intend to be represented in the cabinet, but it does want a portfolio which will be managed by a deputy minister. It prefers the Construction and Housing portfolio and asked for the chairmanship of the Knesset Finance Committee

Sharon pressuring Netanyahu

for Finance Ministry

which Sharon threatened to

resign. However, Sharon's spokesman Shaya Segal and

Netanyahu's spokesman Shai Bazak both deny this.

Nevertheless, it is agreed in the Likud that Sharon is exerting

pressure on Netanyahu and that

the rumors spreading in the party

Sharon's position is contrasted

sharply with that of Gesher's

David Levy, who seems to have

been assured he will be the next

are part of his campaign.

'Peres: These are the most

difficult days of my life'

MICHAL YUDELMAN

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres is feeling terribly lonely now, Jean

Friedman, a close friend of his who took a central part in the election

He said Peres had told him that these are the most difficult days he has

Friedman said the people will not forget or forgive Labor's campaign

Friedman was a member of a special campaign monitoring team.

He said he had warned months ago that Ramon's strategy was a mistake, but the campaign information heads ignored him and stupidly

*Ramon lied to Shimon when he described an incorrect situation and

showed him surveys which were not exactly accurate," said Friedman.
In response to Friedman's statements, Peres expressed full confidence

Labor spreads the blame, Page 2

which conducted surveys indicating Peres's possible defeat and object-

information director Haim Ramon and campaign adviser Moshe

Teomin "for bringing this tragedy on the country."

insisted on preferring a soft campaign line.

and higher allocations for the harewill not be. This is a very basic di school system. tenet of democracy."

UTJ MK Avraham Ravitz said his party "will under no circum-stances interfere with the lives of this country's secular population. No one need panic. There is a malicious propaganda campaign under way to scare the public."

Bids for the Housing portfolio are intense, with UTJ, Yisrael Ba'aliya, and The Third Way expressing interest, as are several Likud MKs.

Netanyahu also met with his own party's ministerial hopefuls. First among them was Limor Livnat. who wants the Communications portfolio, with the stipulation that it include power over the Israel Broadcasting Authority. But the IBA is also being claimed by Hammer for the Education Ministry, to which he hopes to

Also received by Netanyahu were MKs Tzahi Hanegbi and Uzi Landau. Later in the evening he met with Tsomet's Rafael Eitan and Yitzhak Mordechai, the leading candidate for the Defense portfolio. No one is certain, however, whom Netanyahu will pick for this key portfolio.

There have been reports that Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak is threatening to resign should Mordechai be appointed to the Defense post. Shahak, upon becoming CGS, refused to appoint Mordechai his deputy, after which Mordechai retired from the army, and the two

foreign minister.

have won.

business community.

Landau came out in support of Mordechai, saying, "It is unthinkable that military officers run a campaign against a very qualified candidate because of dislikes and personal rivalries. The military cannot dictate to the elected govemment who its ministers will or

So far the only man who seems to know what his role will be in the next government is Gesher's David Levy, who seems certain he will win the Foreign Affairs portfolio he covets.

Likud insiders say MK Meir Sheetrit has no hope of winning a portfolio, recalling his speed to tear into Netanyahu after the exit poll projections Wednesday night indicated Netanyahu would lose.

Former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir recommended yesterday that Netanyahu look into the possibility of forming a national unity coalition. He was speaking at a memorial ceremony for the LEHI

Talks frozen for now EGYPT and Syria said yester-day that initial overtures from have to wait and see the position is formed."

Assad:

prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu were discouraging, but they would give his govern-ment time to show them its real

Syrian President Hafez Assad said, however, he would not resume peace talks until he learned more about Netanyahu's

"We decided it would be wise to bide our time and wait to see how the behavior of the new government will be, even if the speech which the prime minister-elect made yesterday did not inspire optimism," Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told a joint news conference in Cairo.

initially we have no feeling that events are going in a positive direction. That's why I said we have to stay awake so that we don't drop our guard and get taken for fools," added Assad. Mubarak and Assad were speaking after three-and-a-half

"We will investigate further and

hours of talks - the first in a series of high-level Arab meetings to coordinate reaction Netanyahu's election victory. "The resumption of the negotiations is out of the question now," Assad said. "As I said before and

are not going in a positive way," Assad said. "We have to be fully alert and on guard." In his victory speech on Sunday in Jerusalem, Netanyahu invited the Arabs to "join in the circle of

as President Mubarak said, things

Mubarak said: "We heard Netanyahu's speech on television ... and consider it a continuation of the election campaign. So we

of the Israeli government after it

Assad said the best response is Arab solidarity, especially between the countries which border on Israel.

"Syria supports any meeting of the Arabs if it is a meeting of the frontline countries. We think that this is the only way that we can reach salvation. If we don't do this and we don't reach this consensus or semi-consensus then the

Little hope for Syrian track, Page 3

path will be fraught with difficulties," he said.

Asked about the attitude of the United States, Assad appeared to excuse any apparent bias towards Israel as part of the campaign for the US presidential elections in November.

"In the United States they are going through circumstances that have special requirements. And the electoral campaigns have now begun and they have their requirements. I think that the US administration wants peace to be achieved. You've all heard about the new American efforts and they are serious efforts. But what they can achieve we have to wait and see," he added.

Earlier, a senior Syrian information official warned that chances for peace would be destroyed if Netanyahu's campaign promises were turned into an official Israeli policy.

"Netanyahu said in his election campaign he will not withdraw from the Golan and Jerusalem. He (Continued on Page 2)

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CHEN Geva, 6, of Kfar Sava, was seriously injured yesterday while defending his dog from another which attacked her.

Boy bitten,

while defending

his dog

Geva was walking his dog in a park near his home at about 4:30, when another dog suddenly attacked her. In an effort to defend his pet, he tried to separate them, and the attacker then turned upon

He was bitten in the ear and neck and also suffered a head injury. Chen underwent surgery at Meir Hospital.

Police have yet to identify the owners of the attacking dog.

LIAT COLLINS

THE new MKs from the joint Likud-Gesher-Tsomet list raised a toast "To Israel" at the first faction meeting in the Knesset since the election victory. Prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu would not promise to announce his new government at next Monday's opening of the Knesset, but said he would do so as soon as

"There are no sacred dates," he said. He noted that the law gives him 45 days in which to announce his choice of ministers.

Netanyahu gave a short version of his victory speech, stressing three main issues: the continuation of the peace process, economic reform, and the need for national unity. He also called on his MKs not to make statements which deviate from the party platform. Peace with security was not just an electoral slogan; it's a goal, and we must my with all our might to achieve it," Netanyahu said. He said initial phone calls. and contacts show that the Arab world has accepted the change in government. He hopes to meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordan's King Hussein soon after forming the government.

On economic issues, Netanyahu stressed the need for privatization, cutting red tape, and creating a competitive market for goods and

He also repeated his call for national conciliation, despite the obvious differences with the



Prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu (third from left) raises a victory toast in the Likud Knesset faction's office yesterday, flanked by (left to right) Moshe Katsav, David Levy, Rafael Eitan and Ariel Sharon.

opposition. There are no enemies, just political rivals," he

David Levy reminded the MKs that the Likud had brought about

attended the Madrid Conference. He said the world has to under-

Labor: We've alienated large segments of society

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and JUDY SIEGEL

Four wounded in

terrorist bombing

IN the first terrorist attack since the elections, four telephone technicians were slightly wounded in Samaria yesterday when a remote-controlled pipe bomb exploded as they were about to repair a line near a Palestinian vil-

The technicians, escorted by IDF troops, had entered an olive said he regards the terror attack as grove outside the village of very serous, since the telecom-Bidiya to mend severed lines, after international phone calls from Nablus and cable TV reception in Ariel were cut off after midnight Sunday.

This was a bomb that had been planted under the ground during the night by activists," said Lt.-Col Zvika, commander of the Tulkarm sector. "They planted the bomb and then cut the Bezeq optical cable, knowing that Bezeq workers would be coming to that point to fix it. The pipe bomb was placed where they thought the repairmen would be standing and that's what caused the injuries."

Israel Radio said the bomb was apparently set off by remote con-

The four technicians were hospitalized for observation and the army said they suffered light wounds.

The army clamped a curfew on the town and launched widespread searches, the IDF spokesman said.

Bezeq director Yitzhak Kaul munications company provides maintenance services in the autonomous areas at the Palestinian Authority's request.

The site of the breakdown made it clear to Bezeg workers that the cable had been cut purposely, since this had happened numerous times in the nast.

The technicians were sent out early in the morning, accompanied by soldiers as required by

The bomb that exploded caused only minor injuries due to "their being on alert," Kaul said. He visited the wounded in the hospital and thanked them for their determination to service customers at any time and place.

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres and Labor's ministers yesterday held a penetrating debate into the causes of Labor's election defeat, in which some blamed the party's alignment with Meretz for alienat-

ing large segments of society and

others accused the party of a

patronizing attitude. The recriminations between campaign information director Haim Ramon and Peres's personal campaign director Ehud Barak continued, with Ramon accusing Barak's people of "evading responsibility. Barak's campaign staff contributed nothing to the elections, didn't pass on surveys

dering the others." Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli said that in the party's thrust for peace it alienated the Sephardi community, which saw Labor as associated

they had, and dealt only with slan-

with the Left and the Arabs. 'We now see a return to the ethnic voting pattern of 1977, in which the Sephardi and religious sectors returned to the Right," said Zvilli, "an unhealthy division which I had hoped we had overcome in the last 20 years."

Zvilli proposed a committee of external experts and politicians to

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look into the relations among Labor, the religious, and new immigrants, as well as the functioning of the party's election campaign.

Peres reiterated his instructions to the ministers not to initiate contacts with the Likud regarding a national unity government. Party sources said he is vehemently opposed to such a move.

Zvilli said Peres arged the ministers to maintain their dignity and remember that 49.5% of the public had voted for him. "We have no intention of being

a destructive opposition, and will make every effort to preserve the democratic system in Israel," Zvilli said.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur said that to a large part of the public, Labor is too identified with Meretz, "and has turned into a yuppie party of rich people, which acts patronizingly towards parts of the people. A party which perceived as somewhere between Sheinkin and Ramat Aviv Gimmel will have difficulty winning the support of the majority of the people

Tsur said that, "In the past four

I think Peres should take responsi-

bility on himself. I lived with

Yitzhak a long, good life, and there wasn't a single time when he

was not fully aware that the one at

the top of the pyramid is responsi-

Rabin stressed that her com-ment about "feeling like" leaving

the country following Peres's defeat in the elections had been

taken out of context, and was

made before the election results

were known. She said she has no

intention of leaving Israel.

ble, for better or worse."

ty to reach those parts of society. It's not a problem that can easily be corrected.

He added that people's fears "drove them back to the depressing model of the immigration of the '50s, in which Sephardi people are on one side and Ashkenazis are on the other. We drifted away from segments of the people, and there is a joining of weaker classes. Sephardim, and religious and traditional groups, to whom we appear patronizing."

Meretz's leader, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, rejected accusations that Meretz is responsible for the electoral failure and called on Labor to take responsibility for its Tailing campaign which led to the loss of so many

electoral assets. "Labor has this obscene habit of blaming the whole world except itself. It started with Ramon, went to the Arabs, and now it's the turn of Meretz, which was a loyal partner to Rabin's and Peres's govern-

ments." Sarid said that some of Labor's leaders "are now looking for ways of covering their behinds instead of 'going home' as they should."

Victory lends sudden harmony to religious parties

THE sight of the three religious parties sitting down together and coordinating positions has caught much of the country by surprise. From whence springs the sudden harmony

Are these the same Shas, National Religious Party, and United Torah Judaism we know? Are these the same three religious parties which, over the last four years, have demonstrated against each other's rabbis and written scurriously about one another in each other's newspapers? Are these the religious parties which historically have fought tooth and nail during coalition negotiations, trying to get the best deal for their own religious constituents?

Yes, the parties are the same, but the circumstances have changed a

First of all, each of the parties knows that it is going to join the coalition, and that one party's gain will not necessarily be the other's loss. If Shas gets the Interior Ministry, this does not mean that the NRP will be boxed out of Education, or vice-versa. UTJ getting a deputy housing minister will not come at the expense of either the Sephardi or national

Both Shas and the NRP came out of the elections as winners, and UTI maintained its strength. As a group, they came out victors. They realize that collectively they wield a great deal of clout, and there is no reason for one to try to trip up the other. No party will get any more by rushing to be the first to sign up with prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu. Secondly, since Shas and the NRP did so well at the polls, they can afford to be generous with each other. "Victors are generous," an NRP activist said. "Those who are not so sme about themselves are always looking to see what the other any got."

looking to see what the other guy got."

Thirdly, the religious public wants unity. The coalition talks are not the first time the three parties have sat down together this year. Prior to the election, the leaders of the parties conducted negotiations about forming a united religious bloc.

Meretz and its stridently anti-religious line over the past four years that the past four years that

brought the parties together. The feeling was that there was more that united the parties - a desire to preserve the Jewish character of the state - than divided them: ideological differences over Zionism, serving in the army, and the importance of Greater Israel.

These negotiations were popular with the religious public, with polls at the time saying that if the parties ran together they would garner 17 to 19 seats, up three from the 16 they had in the last Knesset. The bloc. was not formed and - ironically perhaps - without the bloc they gained

But these talks broke psychological barriers, and helped pave the way for cooperation after the elections.

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Robert P. Kogod Chairman of the Board had caused a sufficient impact to bring about a victory in the elections, I did not think there could But, according to Livnat, "it is not any of this which which leads

just another one of them."

Federation director Razi Guterman called on Netanyahu to stop the threats, saying: "The hos-tile atmosphere they are building up will seep into the public and cause violence. We've already

the Zionist dream of bringing Jews of the world to the occube an adequate answer to that murder. I still think we should

have won," Rabin said. murdered.

Rabin urged Peres to take

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criminated against."

ments did not deal in intimidation and did not settle accounts." the media.

its victory, even before setting up a ASSAD

new government, is an attempt to shut mouths and prevent any criticism of the new regime," he said. Minister Communications Shulamit Aloni said that Netanyahu and right-wing repre-

sentatives received unprecedented coverage on the electronic media. She asked what other stateowned broadcasting authority would have given "a man like [Shas leader Aryeh] Deri a chance to appear on the screen and deny that I had been attacked by radical right wing activists [affiliated with Shas] in New York, after the whole world saw the incident on

television!" Aloni warned that privatizing the IBA would lead to the cancellation of cultural, religious, and educational programs, broadcasts for new immigrants and minorities, investigations, and interviews, due to their low ratings.

"It will be a disaster, with the only criteria for programs being the financial interests of the owners and sponsors, rather than public interest, she said.

Court allows publication of two Vanunu petitions

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice yesterday permitted the publication of two petitions by Mordechai Vanunu, who is serving a life sentence for revealing Israel's nuclear secrets. Both petitions

were rejected.
In one petition, Vanunu demanded a police investigation into the events surrounding his 1986 kidnapping from Italy by the Mossad, which enabled him to be returned here for trial.

In particular, he said, the police should investigate the fate of an American woman who assisted in the kidnapping, and who, he said, was apparently a CIA agent. "It is possible to raise the sug-

gestion" that this woman has since been killed by those who planned the kidnapping, he said.
Justices Shlomo Levine, Yitzhak Zamir, and Dalia Domer pointed ont that such a request should be directed first to the police and the attorney-general, rather than the High Court.

However, they continued, it would in any case be impossible for the court to order an investigation when Vanunu presented no proof whatsoever of his theory. In his statements to the court, he admitted that, "Everything I said here is only a possibility, and

there is another possibility - that the girl is still alive and well." In the second petition, Vanumu

charged he is being subjected to religious coercion, because he is not given fresh bread on Shabbat and holidays.
However, the justices rejected

this claim as well.

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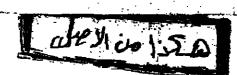
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Leah Rabin to Netanyahu: Look after yourself NOW that you have won the elections and have been elected prime minister, you must look after yourself and may you be protected," Leah Rabin told Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday. Interview on Israel Radio, Rabin commended Netanyahu on his announcements that he would advance the peace process, Murder suspects remanded Harel Hershtik, 23, and Danny Koenig, 20, of Kibbutz Deganya Bet, suspected of last month's murder of snake catcher Ya'acov Sela, had their remands extended yesterday until June 10, when they are to be indicted by Haifa District Court. Itim ARRIVALS BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS FOR BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY'S GLOBAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS:
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A J.N.F. delegation of 37 strong from Manchester, England, for a dedication ceremony in honor of the late Sam Herweld, donor and supporter of Israel. Ceremony to take place on Wednesday in the British Park, near Jerusalem, where a picnic and leisure area will be dedicated in Herwald's name.

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adding her wishes for him to stick to it. "He cannot bring us greater satisfaction than continuing on the peace process which Yitzhak began and Peres continued. All I have to say to him is

"I believed Yitzhak's murder

take care, look after yourself, and

may you be well protected," she

us to consider privatizing the IBA. There is no reason for it to continue existing at public expense. Our philosophy is that all state-owned enterprises ought to be privatized, and the IBA is

The National Federation of Israeli Journalists denounced the Likud leaders' assault on the media and warned that it could lead to violence against journalists.

witnessed Likud slogans against the media. It's amazing that even before the Likud has formed a government, its first act is intimidation and threats to settle accounts with the media. It won't work. The journalists performed their work in a balanced, professional, and reliable way. The opposition was by no means dis-

said [Sunday] he would realize pied lands, which means doubling the settlements in the Arab lands," Mohammed Wadi, direc-

"I think they should have used Yitzhak's murder in the campaign.

Every single day they should have pointed an accusing finger reminding people: This man was

responsibility for the defeat in the elections, "as Yitzhak would have done. I'm sorry it ended this way.

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Guterman recalled a similar attempt to "blame the media for all the ills in society and the state, when journalists were called well-poisoners, 'left-wingers,' and 'traitors' [referring to Likud leaders' statements during the war in Lebanon]. The late prime min-ister Yitzhak Rabin also complained that one channel was serving the settlers, and accused the newspapers of 'playing up pictures of the terrorist attacks because blood sells more newspapers.' But the previous govern-

Labor Party Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli blasted Livnat for what he called her "campaign of threats and incitement" against

"It's frightening to find out that the first step the Likud takes after

(Continued from Page 1) tor-general of the official daily Tishreen, said in a front-page

Turning these words into official policy of the coming Likud government will ... destroy all chances for the achievement of a just and comprehensive peace in the region," Wadi said.

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Assad: The great miscalculator

SYRIAN President Hafez Assad sounded downcast about the prospects for peace talks on the Golan during a Cairo visit yesterday, but he has nobody to blame but himself. He can now be called the Great Miscalculator.

By nying to be more clever by half by being hard-nosed in the peace negotiations with Labor over the last four years, Assad not only has been left without the Golan, but contributed heavily to Prime Minister Shimon Peres's defeat.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher might still soldier on, formally adding to his 20 odd trips to the region of the last four years and holding marathon sessions with the Sphinx of Damascus while drinking sweet tea. Yet, if it occurs, informed sources privately say, this will be motion without movement. The notion of Israel trading the Golan Heights for peace with Syria is over for the foresecable future.

Christopher, who supposedly withheld retirement believing the promise of a deal was at hand, will now probably leave his post in November.

It did not have to be this way. Over the last few years, the governments of Yitzhak Rabin and Peres essentially offered Assad the Golan, but Assad held out for more maximalist terms. He could not have been more beginding on setting the terms for normalization, as he refused to deal with the Israeli public. At most only 37% of Israelis favored a Golan deal, with the majority

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convinced that peace with Damascus would never be as tangible as the territories they would have to

The Syrian leader was so keen on demonstrating to one and all that he would not embrace Israel like Egypt's quintessential peacemaker Anwar Sadat, that he allowed the Golan deal to slip through his fingers. He saw Peres as the Assad of Jerusalem, who could impose a deal without needing public support. No less mistaken, US officials say Assad genuinely believed a second scenario: the closer the date to Israeli elections, the more Labor would need him to win as a peacemaker, and be amenable to his terms on the Golan.

In fact, playing the role of the reluctant suitor, Assad did more than undermine the deal. He undermined Peres's chances for victory, feeding the Likud-generated perception of Peres at home as a dreamer too smitten with his own visions of a New Middle East, despite all his and Rabin's great successes in achieving breakthroughs with Jordan, with Gulf states, and in North Africa.

To the public, what stands out is Peres making a statement that the Golan is "Syrian land," while Assad turned down a US appeal even to send a

was infiniated with Assad's remote-controlling of Hizbullah in southern Lebanon as a means to soften up the country for the Golan talks.

Taken altogether, this all fed the perception of Peres being too trusting of Assad, even though it should be obvious to all that Peres would not have yielded the territory without elaborate security

Yet, before people muner "It serves Assad right," one should realize the problems will not fade with the ebbing of the talks, and Netanyahn faces a serious situation.

After it becomes official that Netanyahu is not yielding the Golan, Assad may try to get the new government's attention both by heating up Hizballah violence in southern Lebanon against Israel and moving closer to Iran. Some believe Netanyahu will ultimately change his tune on the Golan, as he will want to go down in history as a peacemaker. But even assuming this change of motivation, he will lack his own coalition's support, something that even Rabin and Peres could barely muster with a more flexible Knesset.

Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's outgoing ambassador to Washington and top negotiator with Damascus, once wrote a book on missed opportunities in Syrian-Israeli peacemaking from 1949-1952 entitled The Road Not Taken. It is now time

Olmert: Likud will do more for capital's Arab residents

THE Likud government will do far more than the outgoing Labor government did for the Arab residents of Jerusalem, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert yesterday told a group of mukhtars, who raised concern about policy changes under prime ministerelect Binyamin Netanyahu.

"I know there is great concern about what will happen under the new government," Olmert said at the meeting, in Kafr Aqab in northern Jerusalem. "I want to make clear that the government will meet its obligations to continue with the peace talks."

But it must be recognized that there will be differences [in poli-

those differences is the government-elect's commitment to Jerusalem remaining unified, under the sole rule of Israel. At the same time, however, "The new government is committed to improving the conditions of the non-Jewish residents of Jerusalem, who are an integral part of this city. This was also my policy before, but I didn't have the backing of the govern-

Olmert said that the Netanyahu government would increase funding to the Arab sector of Jerusalem, which would allow

have, that we haven't been able to carry out because of lack of

The mayor and senior city officials toured the Kafr Aqab, Beit Hanina, and Shuafat neighborhoods and met with local leaders. City officials emphasized that the trip was planned before the elec-

"We hope that all the promises we are hearing about are carried out," said Mohammed Matar, mukhtar of Kafr Aqab, after city officials outlined several development plans for the area. "We have heard many promises in the past, but nothing ever came of

Jordan: We've foiled spate of bombing plots

foiled a series of attempts by Syrian-based saboteurs to attack Israeli tourists and assassinate Jordanian politicians, officials said yesterday.

The aim was to destabilize the kingdom after its October 1994 peace treaty with Israel, the offi-cials said. The saboteurs, mostly members of Damascus-based radical Palestinian and pro-Iranian groups who oppose peace with Israel, were caught over the last year after infiltrating the border with explosives and machine

guns, they added.
"This trend [of sabotage attempts] has intensified since the treaty," a top government official told Reuters. "Over 30 attempts have been foiled in the last six months alone. They involve attacks on [Israeli] tourists, Jordanian interests, and assassinations of leading politicians," he added.

"They are trying to hit at our model of peace with Israel."

Many of those caught said they were members of Hizbullah Palestine and the Islamic Jihad, members of a 10-group Damascus-based alliance formed after the peace process was launched in 1991.

Jihad is led by Ramadan Abdullah, the successor of Fathi Shkaki, who was gunned down in Malta in November. The group accused Israel's Mossad security service of killing him.

King Hussein, concerned about alleged Syrian and Iranian involvement in creating unrest in the kingdom, had raised the issue in private meetings with diplomats and foreign visitors over the past year, diplomats said.

Two police cars, instead of one just before Operation Grapes of Wrath, now escort each Israeli tourist bus visiting sites such as Mt. Nevo and Petra. Plainclothes security agents fill the sites. There

Chirac congratulates Netanyahu

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FRENCH President Jacques Chirac telephoned prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday to congratulate him on his election victory and express the hope the Middle East peace process would continue. The two men also agreed to meet in the coming weeks, Chirac's office

"The president called Mr. Netanyahu this morning to personally congratulate him. He [Chirac] expressed his hope that the peace process would continue in the interest of all countries of the region," Chirac

spokeswoman Catherine Colonna said. The French Foreign Ministry also applauded Netanyahu for pledging in his victory speech to continue the Middle East peace process and for

making early contact with Arab leaders. "Yesterday, in his speech, Mr. Netanyahu reaffirmed his desire to pursue the peace process," Foreign Ministry spokesman Yves Doutriaux told reporters.

"This is a positive sign, as are the contacts he has already made with certain Arab leaders." The spokesman reiterated that France believes the peace process is

irreversible and it would back the Israeli government down that path.

'Weizman ready to help with unity government'

SARAH HONIG

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman is reportedly ready, if asked, to offer his services to help set up a national unity government.

Weizman was the first on prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu's schedule yesterday The two spent 90 minutes dis-

cussing the new government's guidelines and the coalition formation process over breakfast Netanyahu also Weizman on the coalition talks. The new electoral system

leaves the president with little role in coalition formation. In the past, he conferred the task of forming a coalition on the leader of the largest parliamentary At the end of the meeting, it

was decided that Arye Shumer, director-general of the President's Office, and Avigdor Lieberman, who will become the new director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, will meet to work out guidelines for



President Ezer Weizman welcomes prîme minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu to Beit Hanassi yesterday.

Arafat meets Major, Egyptian official: Mubarak to seeks int'l backing keep pressing on nuclear issue

LONDON (AP) - Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat said yesterday he hopes international support would keep the Middle East peace process on track, following the Binyamin election of

Netanyahu. "We are in need of your help," Arafat told Prime Minister John . Major after they met for about an hour at No. 10 Downing St. Asked by a reporter what message he had for Netanyahu, Arafat said: "To continue the peace process, the peace of the brave, which we had signed with my partners, Mr. Yitzhak Rabin and Mr. [Shimon] Peres,

and we hope to continue." He also urged Israel to withdraw from Hebron by Jane 12.

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letters went to Egyptian President

Hosni Mubarak, Jordan's King

Hussein, Syrian President Hafez

Assad and the PA's Yasser Arafat.

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Under the autonomy accord. Israel was to have pulled out of 80 percent of the city by March 28. Peres postponed this to mid-June after a series of suicide bombings killed 59 people.

Netanyahu is not committed to the mid-June deadline, and has said the issue of preserving a Jewish presence in Hebron alongside Palestinian autonomy should be left to final status negotiations, which are to last for three years.

Major told reporters that he had invited Netanyahu to make an official visit to Britain, but did not say whether he had

Earlier, Arafat's tone was pes-simistic as he met with members of Parliament.

EGYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak will continue to press Israel to begin immediate discussions on a nuclear-free Middle East, an Egyptian official said

Mahmoud Karem, a director of the Disarmament Department in the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, said his government does not accept Israel's position that a nuclear-free region should be discussed only after comprehensive peace is achieved in the

region.

The basic problem is that we have a definition of security that does not fit with that of our

Israeli colleagues," Karem said. The official denied Israeli assertions that Egypt is refusing to cooperate in the multilateral

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talks on arms control, unless the nuclear issue is discussed. "We are not holding the talks hostage," he said. "We just want a balanced agenda. The problem

is we are not getting any kind of commitment from Israel on this issue." Karem said that Egypt wants Israel to agree to discuss a set of principles for a Middle East free

of nuclear weapons and would demonstrate patience, as the negotiations proceed for what he conceded could be a number of

"We are hopeful and we want to look forward," he said. "We can both put our issues on the table and are ready to discuss

anything, including missiles and chemical weapons. I think my government has shown extreme

flexibility. But we have to discuss everything. The problem is the Israelis want to discuss only this and exclude that."

Karem appeared at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe conference, which ends today in Tel

Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, and Jordan are participating in the conference. Israeli diplomats said the Egyptians did not press the

nuclear issue at the current seminar, as they had done in Cairo during the last OSCE conference eight months ago.

Iraq slams Netanyahu, calls him a 'Doberman'

BAGHDAD (Reuter) - Iraq assailed Binyamin Netanyahu PRESIDENT Bill Clinton has sent yesterday, describing him as a letters to Arab leaders reaffirming "Doberman" and said he would US support for a "comprehensive, just, and lasting peace" in the Middle East. White House not be different from outgoing Premier Shimon Peres. spokesman Mike McCurry said the

"The coming of the Doberman [Netanyahu] ... is bringing a new leadership that can evade what has been agreed upon with Arab-leaders," the government news-

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There is no difference between Peres and Netanyahu, and the main differences between them center on how to subjugate Arabs and sow divi-

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sions between them," Al-Jumhouriva said.



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No-Smoking Day marked here today

ISRAEL today marks No-Smoking Day, which was observed abroad last Wednesday but postponed here because of the elections.

Twenty-eight percent of Israelis smoke - nearly a third of them puffing on more than 20 cigarettes a day. Three million people around the world will die this year as a result of smoking, according to the World Health Organization. Some 58 percent of the coun-

try's smokers tried to kick the habit during the past year. More than one-tenth of the population smoked in the past and quit, while 61 percent never smoked. Nearly a third of the male population and a quarter of the women smoke. Dr. Ami Sperber of the health

selves prepare educational programs to prevent smoking among their peers; the researchers will see whether this affects their smoking habits. promotion and preventive medicine department at Ben-Gurion

It is already known that non-

Snyder, a graduate of Harvard University, recently left the Museum of Modern Art in New

serving as deputy director for

since 1986. He continues there in a consulting capacity.

During his tenure at MOMA,

Snyder was involved in nearly

every aspect of its programming

and operations. He also oversaw

its \$60 million, 350,000 sq. ft.

expansion, completed in 1984,

which served as a model for suc-

cessful mixed-use cultural devel-

Weyl, who will continue on as

director emeritus, described his

"James Snyder has the many

important qualities needed at this

stage in the museum's develop-

opment in America.

successor glowingly.

University has launched a three-year study of ninth graders in Beersheba to monitor their smok-

ing habits. The pupils will them-

moking teenagers have a much higher self-image than their smoking peers.

Today's observances are being organized by the Health Ministry, the Israel Cancer Association (ICA) and the Israel Forum for the Prevention of Smoking. Special programs on smoking will be broadcast today, in cooperation with the ICA, on cable channels 3

Israel Museum names director

Jerusalem Post Staff

for psoriasis THE Israel Museum has announced the appointment of James Snyder as its new director, AN ointment adapted by Hebrew University researchers from an oral effective July 1. Snyder succeeds Martin Weyl, who has been direcdrug containing the active form of vitamin D has been found to provide tor since 1981.

1.5 percent to 2 percent of the world's population. Until now, short-term treatment has included tar-soap baths, shampoos, various creams, ultraviolet light and visits to the Dead Sea. In many patients the relief is only partial, and within weeks or months, the

New ointment

promises relief

The new ointment, which will be known commercially as Silkis, has been proven in clinical trials to "wipe out" the patches and scales in three to six weeks of use; if the condition recurs, treatment for a day or

The new ointment is derived from a generic drug prescribed for osteo-porosis and other conditions, called calcitriol, developed some 30 years ago. Prof. Shabtay Dikstein, head of the cell pharmacology department at the Hebrew University's School of Pharmacy, hypothesized that since ultraviolet light has a positive effect on psoriasis sufferers and since sunlight is necessary for the skin to produce vitamin D, perhaps the active vitamin D, known as calcitriol, could provide relief in ointment form.

Yissum, the university's research and development company, registered the new use as a patent, and the drug was tested on hundreds of patients around the world. All tests showed it to be highly effective. It has already been approved for use in Holland and Switzerland after Biotechnology General purchased the marketing rights, and a Dutch

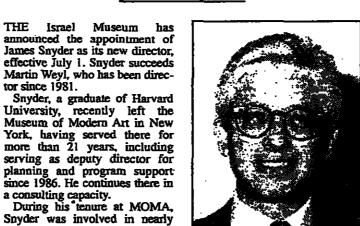
Dikstein says he does not think the ointment will cause psoriasis-treatment centers at the Dead Sea to close down, as there is an emotional element to the skin condition and the relaxation is important in easing espe-

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Prof. Eliezer Jaffe

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James Snyder

ment," he said. "His long experience in a world-renowned museum will be a great asset to Israel in general and Jerusalem in particular.

Snyder, born in Pittsburgh in 1952, is married with two children. The family will reside in Jerusalem.

Today at the festival

Jerusalem Theater (JT) Sherover. Theater, Night Birds, with Doron Nesher, 9 p.m.

Henry Crown: Comedy, The Bible Abridged, by The Reduced Shakespeare Co., 9 p.m.

Rebecca Crown: Adult puppet theater, Faustus in Africa, by Handspring Co. from South Africa, 9 p.m.

IT plaza: Children's theater, The Mysterious Mirror, by Mifras Theater, 5:45 p.m; family, Me'urav Yerushalmi Troupe, 7 p.m: music from Kurdistan with Javelin ensemble and singer Ilana Ilya, 8 p.m. (FREE).

Small Hall: Slava Ganelin, piano/keyboard, Moti Schmidt, violin, improvisations, 9 p.m.

Gerard Behar: Ethnic jazz,

JT foyer: Rock, Anshei Hahatzer, Romi, Og, 10:30 p.m. Turkish-born singer Senem

Divici, French drummer/composer Denis Fournier, and their quartets, 9 p.m.

Dormition Abbey: Classical, organist Ingmar Melchersson plays pre-Bach music, 8:30 p.m.

Chechnya, a breakaway republic in Notre Dame de Sion: Music, Songs Inner and Revealed, 8:30

the Russian Cancasus Mountains. The document calls for "international accord, peace, economic and cultural cooperation in the

Caucasus," and calls for more support for refugees. The other signatories were the presidents of the three former Soviet republics in the Caucasus,

KISLOVODSK - President Boris

Yeltsin and the leaders of Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia

signed an agreement yesterday on

ending conflict and promoting cooperation in the volatile

Yeltsin, who called the meeting last week while energetically cam-

paigning for re-election, bailed the

agreement and condemned the

ethnic strife that has wracked the

Caucasus organism and drive a

wedge between distinct Caucasus

peoples and countries, between

the Caucasus as a whole and

Russia, inevitably will result in

major troubles for all," Yeltsin

The meeting comes amid stepped-up efforts to end

Moscow's nearly 18-month war in

The attempt to dismember the

region in recent years.

said after the signing.

Eduard Shevardnadze of Georgia, Levon Ter-Petrosian of Armenia, Gaidar Aliev of Azerbaijan. It also condemns "aggressive

separatism, ethnic hatred, reli-

News agencies

Russian President Boris Yeltsin smiles as Azeri President Geydar Aliyev (I) shakes hands with

Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze in Kislovodsk. The leaders arrived for a one-day visit to

Yeltsin promotes

peace in Caucasus

sign a cooperation treaty between their countries.

gious extremism and terrorism in all forms," and outlines the countries' intentions to increase economic cooperation.

It was signed at a government retreat outside the southern Russian resort town of Kislovodsk, about 1,550 km south of Moscow and just 150 km west of Chechnya.

Yeltsin, already leading in most opinion polls two weeks before Russia's election, caught up with his communist rival yesterday in one of the few surveys which had put him behind until now.

The independent Institute of the Sociology of Parliamentarianism forecast that Yelisin and communist leader Gennady Zyuganov would each win 36 percent of the votes on June 16. It put their closest rival far behind on 10 percent.

Yeltsin's surge should give him a big psychological boost. The institute was the last major polling group which had put him behind Zyuganov and it boasts an unusually good track record in a country where polls have often failed dis-

huge comeback," the institute's director, Nugzar Betaneli.

ganda campaign has started to pay

off and Zyuganov's support has

"The change is stunning. It's a The president's massive propa-

Leaders present at the Caucusus meeting took the opportunity to endorse Yeltsin's re-election bid. "Azerbaijan, which is tied to

Russia by many centuries of history, is not indifferent to what kind of Russia it will do business with in the future," Aliev said. All three Caucasus leaders have voiced support for Yeltsin's re-election bid in June 16 presiden-

tial polls. Shevardnadze said he hoped yesterday's meeting would boost both regional peace and Yeltsin's election chances. Many leaders of former Soviet republics have protested comments by Yeltsin's Communist

rival, Gennady Zyuganov, who seeks the gradual restoration of the Soviet Union. The Caucasus region is the most volatile in the former Soviet Union. Since the Communist

empire began unraveling in the late 1980s, it has seen several wars and numerous ethnic conflicts. "The worst thing is the pain and

suffering, the death of people. I think we are united in saying that this must be put to an end." Yeltsin said.

The meeting also considered the Chechnya war, which has claimed some 30,000 lives since the Kremlin sent in troops in December 1994 to crush the republic's independence bid.

Deri to begin testimony on September 1

SHAS leader Aryeh Deri will take the witness stand in his trial on corruption charges on September

1, some two years after the trial began. The judges agreed yester-day to a defense request not to continue the trial during the courts' summer recess. At the same time, Judges Ya'acov Tzemah, Miriam Na'or and Mussia Arad criticized the defense for not "doing enough to allow the court to hear the case continuously and conclude it expe-

ROME (AP) - A former Nazi officer on trial for the World War II massacre of 335 civilians took the witness stand for just three minutes yesterday, only to to say he would not testify before the

Erich Priebke submitted a written statement in place of his much-awaited spoken testimony.

"I have declared everything that is necessary in the statement," said Priebke in his first words to the court in a month of hearings.

Priebke refuses to testify Priebke, 82, is on rial for his role in the March, 24, 1944, mas-

> bombing by resistance fighters that killed 32 Nazi soldiers. The victims were machinegunned outside Rome at the Ardeatine Caves, which then were dynamited in an attempt to hide

sacre in caves outside Rome that

was ordered in retaliation for a

the bodies. Speaking in broken Italian and Spanish, Priebke identified himself and swore to the truth of his written statement, before return-

ing to his customary seat next to his lawyer. Defense lawyer Velio Di Rezze told the judge that Priebke chose not to testify because he fears spectators in the courtroom would

interrupt him with name-calling and insults. A German military historian who also took the stand yesterday said historical documents prove

Priebke could have refused the order to carry out the shootings. The prosecution's main line is

And they say his role actually was much greater, including having helped compose the list. Priebke faces life in prison if convicted.

Priebke admits killing two victims and checking off the names of 100 others from a list, but claims he was forced to participate under the threat of being shot

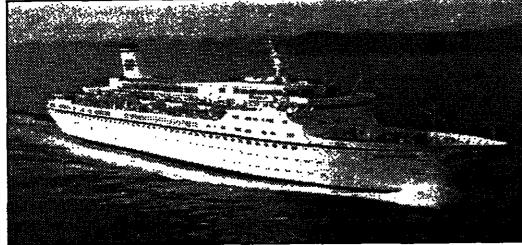
himself. Capt. Gerhard Schreiber, who works in the historical department of the German armed forces, listed the names of five SS officers who refused to carry out World War II Nazi orders without facing

any consequences. "Not in any of the cases was it verified that the non-execution of an order by an officer would have meant mortal danger for that officer," Schreiber told the court.

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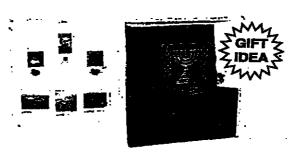
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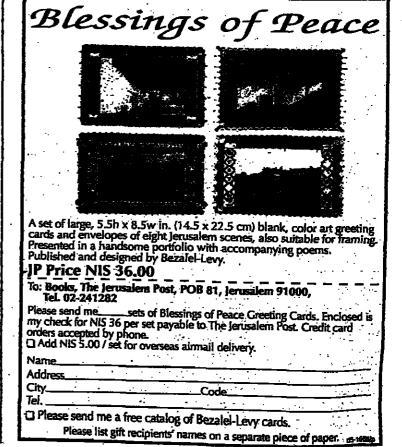
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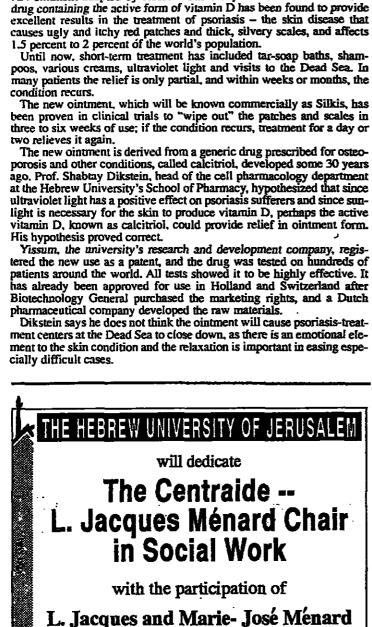
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Its leaders were trained by Revolutionary Guards in Iran and Lebanon, Muttawa said. Bahrain, like most other Gulf Arab states, has been wary of Iran

Revolutionary Guards."

"The pro-democracy movement

doesn't need arms and doesn't

need foreign backing for achiev-

ing the legitimate aims of the peo-

Muttawa did not disclose when

the arrests were made, but

claimed the detainees gave full

confessions last month, detailing

He said some of the plotters -

all of them Bahrainis - were

arrested as they were returning to

the country. Others were rounded

He said the plotters belonged to movement calling itself "The

Military Wing Of Hizbullah -

Bahrain" and that it could still be

to stage an armed revolution to

overthrow the Bahrain government by force and replace it with

a pro-Iranian regime," Muttawa

The movement's main aim is

up in Bahrain, he added.

their links to mainly Shiite Iran.

ple of Bahrain," it said.

since fundamentalist Shifte clerics came to power in Teheran in 1979. In December 1981, scores of people were jailed on charges of being involved in an Iranian-

backed conspiracy to overthrow the government.

Bahrain: Iran setting up Hizbullah terrorists

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The coup accusations are cer-

tain to worsen an already uneasy

relationship between Bahrain and

Iran, its giant neighbor across the

Gulf. Bahrain repeatedly has hint-

ed that Teheran was behind the

There was no immediate Iranian

But in a commentary broadcast

before the alleged coup plot was

revealed, official Teheran radio

said Bahrain's government was to

"Iran considers the outbreak of

tensions in Bahrain the result of a lack of democracy in that country,

and of the people's call for politi-cal and social freedom," the radio

It was commenting on a state-ment issued by the six-nation Gulf

Cooperation Council that accused

Iran of interfering in Bahraini

The Al Khalifa family belongs

to the mainstream Sunni sect of

Islam but a slight majority of

Bahrain's 500,000 citizens are

A Shiite opposition has been

leading a campaign calling for

political reforms, including the restoration of an elected parlia-

ment dissolved by the ruling family in 1975 and better conditions

for the generally downtrodden

The London-based Bahrain

Freedom Movement, the leading

opposition group, scoffed at the

affairs,

Shiites.

Shiite Moslems.

blame for its internal problems.

reaction to the latest accusations.

18-month wave of unrest.

day of plotting with and training a terrorist group - Hizbullah-Bahrain - to overthrow the Gulf Arab state's government by force.

It said it was recalling its ambassador to Teheran and downgrading representation to the level of charge d'affaires.

"A serious conspiracy has been uncovered which reveals that an organization known as the military wing of Hizbullah-Bahrain, together with Iranian authorities. have been plotting since early 1993 to undermine Bahrain's security and stability," an Interior Ministry statement said.

The movement's main aim is to stage an armed revolution to overthrow the Bahrain government by force and replace it with a pro-Iranian regime," it added.
It was the first direct and clear

Bahraini accusation of Iranian involvement in mainly Moslem anti-government unrest in the island state which erupted in December 1994. Iran has repeatedly denied any role. Information Minister

Mohammed al-Muttawa told reporters said 29 Iranian-trained "terrorists" had been arrested in connection with the foiled coup

Caches of light weapons had been seized from the alleged plotters. Muttawa said, without going into details.

This small island nation is a regional financial hub and hosts a key US Navy base. It is linked to Saudi Arabia's oil-rich Eastern Province by a causeway, adding to the country's strategic signifi-

Turks kill Greek

Cypriot soldier

NICOSIA (AP) - Turkish troops fatally shot a Greek Cypriot soldier

yesterday in the no-man's land

splitting this island, and the Greek

side immediately denounced the

The Greek Cypriot government

also summoned the resident UN

representative to protest the

killing of Pvt. Stelios Panayi, a

Turkish Cypriot officials said Panayi was "fully armed" when,

for unknown reasons, he entered

the UN-patrolled buffer zone that

divides the Greek and Turkish

19-year-old conscript.

sides of the island.

killing as "cold-blooded murder."

government's coup allegations. Turk MPs agree to

ANKARA (Reuter) - Turkey's parliament voted yesterday to debate a censure motion sought by Islamists against Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz, paving the way for the possible collapse of his conservative

By a vote 317-124, MPs agreed to consider the motion, the latest weapon deployed by the Islam-based Welfare Party to bring down the government. A vote is expected on Saturday.

Parliamentary speaker Mustafa Kalemli said parliament would debate the measure on June 6, with a vote set for two days later. The parliament decision strengthened further the hand of the Islam-

based Welfare Party (RP), which has already succeeded in having a March confidence vote in the shaky coalition annulled.

Welfare, which was kept in opposition by the right-wing alliance after its narrow win in the December elections, achieved victory on Sunday in scattered local polls across Turkey.

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Havel steers coalition talks on next Czech government

President Vaclav Havel summoned politicians to his castle yesterday to discuss the Czech Republic's next government, after elections left Premier Vaclav Klaus just short of a parliamen-

Klaus' three-party center-right coalition won 99 of Parliament's 200 seats, down from 112 deputies in the outgoing legislature, final results showed yesterday.

Czechs did not follow the lead of other former Soviet bloc countries in returning ex-Communists to power, but the vote signaled an apparent desire to slow the pace of reform pursued by Klaus, an ardent free-market advocate.

Nonetheless the election results came as a surprise. Even many of Klaus's opponents regarded his victory as a foregone conclusion.
"it's a disaster," said lim Lansky, a sales manager. "I'm afraid if [Milos] Zeman is in govemment he will ruin the achievemets of the last four

The election's biggest winner was Zeman's center-left Social Democratic Party, which leaped from 24 to 61 seats in parliament TOM GROSS and news agencies PRAGUE

and became the strong opposition force the country had lacked since its peaceful split with Slovakia in

While this signals that Czech politics are becoming more like those of western Europe, with classic left and right blocs, it also produces short-term uncer-

Many former Communists have joined the Social Democrats. But the old guard of former Communist party leaders remains in the original Communist party, which will be the No. 3 party with 22 seats.

In spite of his unexpected suc-cess, Zeman cannot form his own government for lack of coalition partners. He has ruled out working with either the Communists or maverick right-wing Republicans, who won 18 seats,

an increase of four. Zeman told the left-wing daily Pravo Monday that he could accept either a minority government of the current center-right

meeting in Berlin yesterday, gave

formal approval to the new

arrangement for the NATO peace

implementation force, which is

They said in a statement that it

was now crucial to prepare the

ground for Bosnia's first post-war

elections, which are expected to

Diplomats said the agreement

had important implications, since

continuing problems with free-

dom of movement and rebuilding

a civil society in Bosnia meant

some NATO forces might have to

stay longer than originally

known as IFOR.

coalition, or a grand coalition in which the two largest parties gov-

em together. But the price appears to be a replacement for the sometimes overbearing Klaus as prime min-

"This is a time for an agreement of all reasonable politicians" for at least an interim government, Zeman said. Zeman openly invited Josef

Lux, Klaus' coalition partner and Christian Democrat leader, to act as the new premier. Lux has not committed himself

but told the state news agency CTK, "A minority government of the current coalition with the support of a part of the opposition is the only way to stability.

Klaus' party lost eight seats for a total of 68 in the next parliament. Lux's party gained three seats to hold 18, and the other coalition parmer, the Civic Democratic Alliance, lost one for

and the leaders of all three coalition parties to search for the way

There will be many in the West likely to be disappointed by the

Previously touted as the shining star of the former eastern bloc, the Czech Republic has been the last country there, apart from Albania and Slovenia, to have a centerright government.

Klaus's determined push for market reform in the past four years - providing staeady economic growth while avoiding the kind of social upheavals seen in Russia, had been lauded as an example of how it is possible to pull back from a planned econo-

Two opinion page articles in The Wall Street Journal last week suggested that not only Boris Yeltsin but also Bill Clinton could learn much from the success of Czech government policies.

The Heritage Foundation, a leading American think tank, recently rated the Czech economy the 12th freest in the world, ahead even of neighboring Germany and

Havel was meeting with Zeman

He was shot only after failing to respond to shouted warnings and two warning shots fired in the air, officials said.

The shooting, the first killing along the so-called Green Line in three years, is likely to further strain relations between NATO partners Greece and Turkey. Both countries have military personnel on the island supporting the separate Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities.

Tensions have been running high between Greece and Turkey since the two countries threatened to go to war earlier this year over two disputed Aegean Sea islets.

The Greek Cypriot Defense Ministry said Panayi was shot by Turkish troops early in the morning when he entered the buffer zone in the St. Andreas quarter of the divided capital Nicosia.

The Greek Cypriot Foreign Minister Alecos Michaelides instructed Cypriot embassies "to protest this cold-blooded murder." The statement did not say why Panayi was in the zone, which is patrolled by UN soldiers and is off-limits to Greek Cypriot and

Turkish troops.

debate censure motion

NATO agrees to hold off Bosnia pullout

BERLIN (Reuter) - NATO agreed yesterday that its peace force in Bosnia would not start pulling out until after elections set for September, leaving the door open for troops to remain well into next year if needed.

The 60,000-strong force is halfway through a one-year mandate which ends in December. But, with peace in Bosnia still fragile, diplomats say a more limited NATO presence may well be required beyond the official withdrawai date.

US presidential elections are due later this year and Washington is making no commitments about extending the mission. However, the United States has already agreed to delay the phased pullout of its 20,000 troops in Bosnia and to maintain the force's military punch until December. Foreign ministers from the 16

Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) nations,

Summit: 'No isolation' from urban problems

ISTANBUL (AP) - Technology and politics bind the world so closely that national borders can no longer block the troubles bred in other countries' inner-city slums, the UN secretary-general said yesterday. Finding a way to solve those problems is the ambitious goal of the UN Conference on Human Settlements, which Boutros Boutros-Ghali opened by saying. "The crises of urban development are crises of all states, rich and poor."

The 12-day session also seeks to tie together the threads of eight previous UN-sponsored conferences since 1992 - issues including environmental challenges and human rights.

Bontros-Ghali said the biggest problems are in developing nations, where people who live in city slums "share in the misery, dangers to their health and a vision of hopeless unemployment and marginalization." In laying out what to expect from the meeting, he said there is a "basis for common action, for mutual learning, for cooperation in finding solu-

The present-day ease of travel and communication means that nations cannot protect themselves from urban poverty problems elsewhere, he said. Poor immigrants stream toward richer nations and unrest in one country can shake an economy halfway around the world. Those who move are moving to the cities, where the United Nations

predicts more than half the world's population will live by the end of the

century. By 2025, the number could rise to almost two-thirds. Since the first city summit was held in 1976, government leaders have admitted they cannot cope alone with the array of urban troubles, said

Turkey's president, Suleyman Demirel. Demirel, echoing activists and aid officials who gathered before the

summit, urged greater involvement by private institutions to help "apparently overwhelmed" governments.

The United States is considered on the forefront of government-private partnerships to confront urban ills, but the American delegate stressed that nothing can be accomplished without fundamental human rights. The United States, however, opposes housing as a UN-defined

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human right in the final document of the conference.

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Britain blocks EU on anti-racism

planned.

LUXEMBOURG (Reuter) Britain, pursuing its policy of non-cooperation with the European Union, blocked an iniiative yesterday to make 1997 the European Year Against Racism.

EU Social Affairs Commissioner adraig Flynn called the move disappointing "I can't believe that anyone could be pleased by the lack of solidarity on this issue," he told a news conference. Britain also blocked three other

measures at the meeting as part of its campaign against the EU's ban on British beef exports because of the scare over mad cow disease including a text urging governments to push for more women in decision-making positions.

But it was not able to interfere with two major pieces of legislation that were on the agenda - one on parental leave, the other on workers posted by employers to other EU countries.

The first, which guarantees workers three months leave after the birth or adoption of a child, was adopted under the Social Protocol of the Maastricht Treaty. from which Britain has opted out. The second text, which guaran-

tees posted workers the same pay and working conditions as those hired locally, was agreed by

weighted majority voting.

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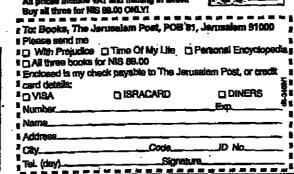
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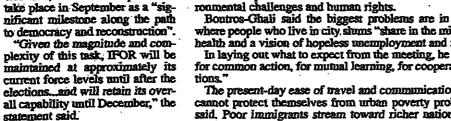
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BOTH continuity and change are always evident whenever there is a change

of government in a democratic

Regarding the policies one may

expect from Prime Minister-elect

Binyamin Netanyahu, the element

of continuity is embedded in the

geostrategic realities of the post-

Cold War world which make the

On the other hand, the Likud's

fundamental ideological posi-

tions, as well its parliamentary

allies, will obviously introduce

novel elements which could

destabilize the very delicate

tion between Israel and its Arab

neighbors, including the

Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated

amid a heated political atmos-

phere in which many Israeli Jews

an act of betraval. Yet his assassi-

nation also shocked so many

Israelis that until the massive bus

suicides in February and March,

Peres was leading by a 15-20%

It was Hamas's acts of brutal terrorism in Tel Aviv and

Jerusalem that eroded this lead,

making many Israelis question the

validity of the land-for-peace for-

mula. The tragic irony is that, in

the last resort, the Hamas terror-

ists ultimately created the context

in which Israel's next prime min-

In considering the policy options open to Netanyahu, it

might be best-to look at the most

sophisticated and nuanced policy

statement he made during the

election campaign: his April 21

speech to the Israel Council of

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Palestinians.

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current peace process possible.

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Change and continuity

SHLOMO AVINERI

Here, more than in any TV ad or

sound bite, may lie the key to the

way Netanyahu envisages the

challenges faced by his govern-

In his speech Netanyahu committed himself, on the one

hand, to the Oslo agreements.

He said unequivocally that the

Likud wouldn't have signed

them; but once signed, they

created a new reality, which -

What policies can

Israelis expect from

Binyamin

Netanyahu?

even if the Likud didn't like it

ed facts, he said, would be

respected.

- was a fact. These Oslo-creat-

On the other hand, Netanyahu

headed would do things different

continued, when it came to further developments, any golf distriction

ly. He mentioned two major

FIRST, settlement activities in the

territories, which were frozen by

the Rabin-Peres government in

the context of Oslo, would

resume. Netanyahu did not speci-

fy, but he clearly restated the

Likud position that "Jews have a

right to settle anywhere and

everywhere in the land of Israel.

and committed himself to follow-

announced that in the fight against

terrorism a government headed by

Netanyahu

ing this basic tenet.

Secondly,

ment.

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Holmes and Sutcliffe took place in June 1932 and not in 1933. I listened to it from a bed in the London Hospital while recovering from an

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Test of leadership

PRIME minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu's speech to the party faithful on Sunday was obviously not intended to present a political program, but to celebrate an unprecedented upset in Israeli politics. What most distinguished the speech was not its message, which hardly differed from that of Netanyahn's campaign speeches, nor even the delivery, which proved him by far the most impressive orator in Israeli politics, but the one moment at the end of the speech, when he paid tribute to outgoing Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

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The gesture was unprecedented. (As one radio commentator put it, "In 1992, when Labor won, it would have been unthinkable for Yitzhak Rabin to pay tribute to Yitzhak Shamir's many contributions to the country.") And it undoubtedly set a welcome new tone in Israeli politics.

But it was not only the gesture which was unique. Within seconds, Netanyahu turned the public's response from frenzied hostility on hearing Peres's name to a standing ovation and respectful appreciation of his tribute to the defeated prime minister. This abilty to transform the reactions of an emotionally charged crowd with mere words evinced the kind of leadership quality which is as rare as it is undefinable.

How Netanyahu will use this ability will determine his place in history. The line between stirring oratory and demagogy is thin: not only

great democratic leaders like Winston Churchill and John F. Kennedy, but monsters like Hitler and Mussolini have used their power of speech to great effect.

If Netanyahu employs his popularity and charismatic gifts to make the changes he has been advocating in Israel's economy and society, and if he persuades his enthusiastic followers to back sane peace-with-security policies, he will be an impressive leader. If he chooses instead to play the crowds for the sake of personal aggrandizement, the audiences which now wildly cheer him will just as lustily boo him down.

Developments may not allow him much time before his first tough test. As captured Hamas terrorist leader Hassan Salameh has confirmed, Labor's charge during the campaign that Hamas intended to help the Israeli "opponents of the Oslo agreement" by perpetrating a terrorist attack was an ugly slander. In fact, the opposite is true. Salameh has told his interrogators that Hamas's leaders had decided to mount only "minor" operations, like kidnapping a soldier or laying roadside bombs, during the election campaign, and halt showy suicide bombings

which might help the Likud's rise to power. Now that the Likud heads the government. Hamas is likely to test its mettle - at which point it will take more than stirring rhetoric to convince Israelis that Netanyahu can meet the challenges facing the nation.

One more punctured balloon

HERE is no such thing as an easy ride in democratic elections these days. The Czech Republic's prime minister, Vaclav Klaus, is just the latest leader to pay the price for thinking complacent over-confidence is enough to attract voters to the banner.

The republic's three-party centrist coalition -Klaus's Civic Democratic Party, the Christian Democratic Union, and the Civic Democratic-Alliance - has just lost its majority in parliamentary elections, winning 99 of the 200 seats, down from 112 mandates in the outgoing government. It seems his overbearing attitude to Czech voters could cost Klaus his job even if his coalition forms a new minority government. center-left Social Democratic Party, which iumped from 24 to 61 seats to become a formidable opposition force.

While President Vaclav Havel has probably decided Klaus's party should have first shot at forming a new government, he has made it clear it is unthinkable that Zeman should not be at the center of negotiations. However, Zeman dislikes Klaus so intensely it is possible he will demand his resignation as the price for allowing a minority government to take power. Zeman already has openly invited Josef Lux, Klaus' coalition partner and Christian Democrat leader, to bid to be the new prime minister.

Despite his success, Zeman cannot find enough coalition partners to form a government, since he has already disqualified cooperation with either the communists (22 seats) or the extreme right-wing Republicans (18 seats). He

says he would accept either the present centerright groups as a minority government under certain conditions, or a national unity coalition of the two largest parties.

Whatever the ins and outs of the new government, a more general lesson lies in the near universal agreement that Klaus was the one who shot himself, his party, and his government in the collective foot. While wallowing in the success that has made the Czech Republic more like a western European state than any other in the former eastern bloc, he failed to appreciate that the Czech electorate has also become more Europeanized and no longer suffers gladly the political arrogance of "we know best."

statore have noted that KI was more interested in the lavish praise coming from abroad for his undenbtedly successful Thatcherite market reforms than in listening to the opinions of his own people. As often with avid trend-setting leaders, Klaus first became carried away by his own genius, then became impatient with those doubters who felt he was moving too fast. The voters decided it was high time to puncture the government's over-inflated

It is Klaus himself who will be blamed if the myth of the Czech Republic as a haven of free market stability goes up in smoke - extremely ironic since, to give him his due credit, it was he who was responsible for creating the image. It is a lesson it seems politicians will never learn - a little humility goes a lot further in achieving national or personal aims than a whole bandwagon full of arrogance and self flattery.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

plight of olim, about economic problems, about victims of terror

and military actions. Now in 1996,

prior to the elections, the national

TV channel chose to ignore or gloss

over news that reflected poorly on

the Labor-Meretz government. The

Katyusha damage to the city and

people of Kiryat Shmona was hid-

den from view. The soaring inflation

was played down. The problems of

Oslo accords were not considered

newsworthy. Families of terror vic-

tims and wounded soldiers were

kept out of sight. The consequences

of the exploding national deficit

The national-channel news clear-

favored Labor-Meretz and adjust-

ed its news through a left-wing fil-

ter. This channel cannot be relied

upon for a honest picture of the state of affairs in Israel.

SMOKING

pointed that you printed on the front

page of the May 17 Time Out sec-

Sir, - I was shocked and disap-

DR. REUBEN FREEMAN

PETER SINGER

were not aired.

SNIDE ATTACK

Sir, - Mark A. Heller's snide attack on Professor Yehoshua Porat ("Pandering to paranoia," May 17) seems to be just sour grapes because Porat once criticized one of his articles. Also, Heller ignored the fact that another Middle East expert, Professor Haim Shaked of Tel Aviv University, came to the same conclusion, namely that the PNC vote on April 24 only decided to possibly alter parts of the covenant at some time in the future and did not abrogate its articles calling for Israel's olitn and poor people were not shown at all. PLO violations of the destruction and proved just to be another typical Arafat charace.

When two of the country's foremost Middle East experts show both personal and intellectual honesty and have the courage to proclaim the truth, do they not deserve to be listened to with respect? Are not those who called this PNC farce "the most important event in the past 100 years" and who accepted this deception as genuine, the ones who are lacking in "intellectual in-tegrity"? Mr. Heller should perhaps remember that it is unwise for people in glass houses to throw stones. BILL OAKFIELD

tion a photo of actor Klaus Maria Sir, - Reader Ayalon (Letters, May 15) is wrong. The great stand of 555 made by Brandauer smoking. This is a blatant message glorifying smoking. Please consider a policy of not printing photos of people smoking. This only encourages people to smoke. The result is 5,000 Israelis dying prematurely and a cost to the economy of NIS 2 billion every year.

NORMAN M. YOUNG

TV BIAS SOLICITING AT Sir, - Before the 1992 Knesset THE WALL elections, the television news broadcast night after night items about the

Sir, - I read the letter of April 11, "Pigeous at the Wall" with concern. My 16-year-old grandson had just returned from the two week 'March of the Living' from the camps in Poland through Independence Day in Israel.

He mentioned one situation that really bothered him. When trying to pray at the Wall, he was constantly interrupted by schnorrers. Having been in Jerusalem over 100 times and having been to the Kotel at least once a trip, I too have experienced this same invasion.

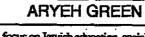
There is ample room outside the entrances to the Wall, where the security screening takes place, for the solicitors to stay and many of them do. This affords those wishing to give the opportunity to do so, without disturbing prayer. I recall many years ago when beggars lined up the Mount of Olives in such numbers, it was like running a gauntlet. Legal measures removed this blight. Could not similar measures be taken to establish off-limits for soliciting within 100 meters of

LOUIS H. BARNETT Fort Worth, Texas.

CLEVER CHOICE

Sir, - If The Jerusalem Post feels sure to include a left-wing opinion for the sake of evenhanded having Larry Derfner's column is a clever choice. His vitriolic language and extreme positions can only strengthen the position of the

Jerusalem.



of the state, the return of Jews to the Old City of Jerusalem, the arrival of thousands of Ethiopian and Russian (and British and American) Jewish immigrants to Israel, and the building of a vibrant and growing Jewish state in the Land of Israel. I came here 12 years ago to take part in that miracle, without embarrassment, without cynicism and with no

need for excuses. My natural political inclination should thus be toward the National Religious Party, the party of Bnei Akiva, of the Mizrahi movement, of Zionist idealism based on the 2,000year old yearning of every Jew to see

Yet four years ago I voted for Yitzhak Rabin, warily optimistic that he could bring peace with security to my homeland. I also voted for Rabin because the NRP had ignored most of what I and my friends believed in and worked for in pursuit of the single goal

Zion rebuilt

of a "Greater Land of Israel." My vote in this election for Binyamin Netanyahu reflected my horror at the pace of the supposed "peace" process and at the risks Prime Minister Shimon Peres was taking in return for little more than broken

It was a pleasure to be both able (with the new election mechanism) and willing (owing to the NRP's apparent return to our roots) to vote for that party once again.
But as someone who has returned to

Zevulun Hammer that I see a need for a strong stand. As NRP leader, he campaigned on issues like the Jewish identity of the state, education, social welfare and absorption, and toned down the

metoric of Greater Israel and settle-

the fold, I would like to be able to tell

The traditional role of Religious Zionism seemed to be returning to the political arena - reinforcing, of course, our claim to this land, but focusing on the religious values of Rabbi Kook and others as the bulwark of the process of state-building. There was renewed

focus on Jewish education, social equity as a Jewish imperative, the symbiosis of democracy and Halacha, the miteva of building the country with industry, enterprise, and immigration, and bridging the gaps between reli-gious and secular, Sephardi and Ashkenazi, rich and poor, right and

On Sunday, Hammer sat with the leaders of two other religious parties, Shas and United Torah Judaism, in a failed attempt to work out some agreement on distributing cabinet portfolios. The NRP does indeed have one very important commonality with these parties: Torah Judaism as the basis of

faith and life. But is the NRP's view of the Torah imperatives related to the Land of Israel and the state shared by these parties, their rabbis and followers? Clearly not - which begs the question: Who are the NRP's real partners in

The haredim may seem to be the NRP's natural political allies, but they aren't

leading this country toward the realization of our Zionist dream?

RATHER than the non-Zionist "religious" parties, it is the mainstream Zionist parties that share our dream of being a "free people in our

And among those, in the present configuration, it seems only natural for the NRP to team up with the two new parties elected on substantially similar platforms: the Third Way and Yisrael

Ba'aliya. The NRP's traditional alliance with Labor Zionism, and its recent partnership with the Likud demonstrate how truly "central" a player the NRP can House in East Jerusalem. There can be no doubt that implement-

ing this commitment would complicate Israeli-Palestinian relations further. It is at these issues we shall need to look over the next few weeks

him would allow the IDF, and

Israel's security services, full

freedom of action in the West

This is obviously a clear devia-

tion from the Oslo agreements,

which delineate a very complex

system distinguishing between areas A, B and C in the territories

and clearly establish lines of

demarkation between Israel and

the Palestinian Authority as

regards responsibility for security.

ries out these two policies -

renewing settlements and giving

the army freedom to operate in the

whole area of the West Bank and

Gaza - it is difficult to imagine

how we can move on toward fur-

ther stages of Israeli-Palestinian

between Israel and the PA, com-

plex as it is, may be seriously

affected, if not undermined, with

far-reaching consequences for

Israel's relations with the interna-

tional community, primarily the

In his April 21 speech

etanyahu also clearly commit-

ted himself to closing Orient

The relationship that now exists

It is clear that if Netanyahu car-

Bank and Gaza.

negotiation.

and months if we wish to gauge the elements of continuity and change in the policies the new government will pursue.

The writer, professor of political science at the Hebrew University, is a former director-general of the Foreign

Those who share a dream and should be. Alone, it can (with nine Knesset seats) be a key member of the Netanyahu government, ensuring that the values of Religious Zionism are

given requisite deference in government policy in the coming four years. Yet in conjunction with the Third Way and Yisrael Ba'aliya it can form a politically central Zionist bloc, with a common purpose - to moderate the pull on the Likud from the political extremes from both within it party and without:

True, the NRP has its own extremes to contend with, from hardline settle: ment leaders to conciliation-minded Meimad activists.

Yet on a broad range of issues, including security and the Golan, social policy, and education and absorption, there is a common language, a common purpose, a common goal among these three "centrist" Zionist parties

Much can be done if they join forces.

The time has come for Religious Zionism to shed its growing inferiority complex vis-a-vis the haredim. We can be partners in the support of Torah education and Torah values, but our Torah-based world view encompasses far more than the Kollel and the family - it includes as halachic imperatives protecting the people of Israel and the Land of Israel through service in the army as a positive mitzva. exploring and participating in God's world through the university and the business world, reaching out to non-committed Jews to share the beauty of our heritage through education without coercion, and perhaps most important ~ participating fully in the shaping of the State of Israel as the "beginning of

the flowering of our redemption." These values we share in large part with the Third Way and Yisrael Ba'aliya An NRP alliance with them can help shape the future of our country now more than ever

The writer has been closely involved with Religious Zionist causes in Israel.

LISA FRYDMAN

N a cool February night this year, 50 "Anglo-Saxon" women gathered for an American-style parior

meeting in Jerusalem. The goal: to raise money for women candidates from both ends of the political spectrum running for the 14th Knesset. The outcome: NIS 10,000 chalked

up in just under two hours. Fashioning ourselves after EMILY'S (Early Money Is Like Yeast) List, an American organization which channels funds to women candidates running for governorship and congressional office, particularly pro-Choice Democrats), we clearly understood the importance of promoting women in politics by fattening their bottom line.

Our "Women for Women in Politics" was a one-nighter, but it showed that we could effect change in our own way. After all, nearly 70 women were running in the primaries, and for the first time ever WIZO, Emunah, Na'amat and the Israel Women's Network had all joined forces to assist women candidates in their

election bid. The stats looked promising. Or

so it seemed. Women comprise 51 percent of the Israeli electorate, but, like those misleading polls, the predictions aimed out disappoint ing; we simply got lost in the shuffle.

For all our efforts, the boys awarded us with nine seats, down from the current 12 in the 13th Knesset, down two from the first Knesset.

With the overwhelming influx of haredi MKs (who - surprise, surprise - have no women on their lists), the game becomes

The keys to the Religious Affairs, Construction and Housing, Labor and Social Welfare portfolios may well end up in haredi hands, meaning that for us women, the writing is on the wall.

Our status is frozen, and melt-

Mith these dim prospects ahead, women's organizations around the country are strategizing on how best to deal with the new reality, where to changel energies and resources.

WIZO's strategy is not to sit back and feel sorry for ourselves, but to intensify grassroot efforts to get women elected en masse to

local municipalities in two years' The Israel Women's Network will look for ways to cooperate

with the powers-that-be, Shas, for example. According to Prof. Alice

Shalvi, chairperson of the network, Arye Deri has shown con-

You're on the winning side, in a key position. Women are counting on you

cem for social issues. Shas supports day care centers, something the Network sees as a sign that other crucial issues can perhaps be woven into the new government's agenda, issues like poverty, women's health and education. Alone among Knesset statutory

committees, the Committee on the Status of Women is a place where women's issues can be assured of a hearing. The committee made major

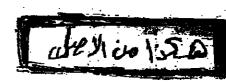
strides in the 13th Knesset, belping push through an impressive crop of legislation affecting women equal pay, affirmative action in the civil service, the establishment of special family courts, stringent sentences for domestic violence, and the Surrogacy Law. That's 33 new laws affecting

women in three and a half years. Not bad. Now, however, committee members may have to stand on chairs just not to lose ground. MK Limor Livnat has a lot on her shoulders as the only female (putative minister) on an all-boys team. And she can do a lot for women. Pitted against Labor wonderboy Haim Ramon, Livnat proved she could take 'em all on. Now she must take her fearlessness a step further. We women out here are hoping she won't forget us in the new dizziness of

POWEL . Those "minor" domestic, nonsecurity issues missing in this election will surely force them-selves back to the forefront.

Limor, you're on the winning side, in a key position - and we women are counting on you, as well as the eight other women in the Knesset, to come through for us.

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Choral delights from Hamburg

THE Monteverdi Choir's acappella concert was a pure delight From Indianate-dramatic German Baroque of Schütz, J.S. Bach's great-uncle Johann Bach and Johann Sebastian himself, to the accentuated Romanticism of Mendelssohn, Bruckner and Brahms, the Hamburg choir's singing was polished to the minutest detail.

Well-shaped musical phrases left time for significant rests to let the impact sink in. The voices, while achieving extreme transparency, also blended in with each other into one organic, integrated whole. Uncompromising accuracy of intonation was coupled with a sense of personal involvement making the music sound moving-

The coloraturas in Johann

Bach's Our Life is a Shadow were brilliant and effortlessly flexible. Mendelssohn's Cheer the Lord was a manifestation of vibrant burnam joy, and Locus est a profoundly felt supplication and

expression of belief Jerusalem Theater, May 31.

A FESTIVE mood was evoked by Mendelssohn's festive-sounding Hymn of Praise Symphony, played with enthusiasm by the Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra, and sung by an extremely welltrained, disciplined and - particularly in its powerfully resounding male voices - sonorous choir.

The female singers sounded somewhat veiled, whether because of imperfect balance or poor acoustics. But Ibolya Verebies's endearing soprano was singularly radiant and velvety.

And Clemens Biber's soft lyric tenor sounded luminous and conveyed the text's meaning impres-

Ishai Knoll's arrangements of a song cycle by Matityahu Shelem served as the obligatory Israeli piece. Knoll's settings sounded as though they were devised to distract the audience's attention from the fascinating original to the would-be sophistication of the atrangements. Bracha Kol sounded charming but displaced in this context

Jerusalem Theater, May 30.

BARITONE Wolfgang Holzmair, in his Lieder recital, displayed an uncommonly pleasant, warm, dark-timbred and expressive voice. In the Mahler songs, which are little dramas in themselves, and in those by the witty, sophisticated Wolf, Holzmair's inclination to

ISRAEL FESTIVAL **URY EPPSTEIN**

operatic presentation helped him come close to conveying the spirit and content of each Lied. In the Schubert selection, and to

some extent in Beethoven's To the Distant Beloved," the songs sounded more like opera arias than Lieder.

Over-dramatized renditions. exaggerated extremesand superfluous gesticulations led one to assume that he has what it takes to make a successful opera star.

His interpretations were minutely calculated, leaving little room for spontaneous expression or the sense of intimacy which is so important in Lied singing. And his enunciation could have been more

Gerard Wyss was a thoroughly professional accompanist. He captured the mood of the Mahler and Wolf songs, but was rather too domineering in those by Schubert and Beethoven.

Given that it was a vocal concert, the program notes should have had song texts, Jerusalem Theater, June 1.

ONE HAD to dig through thick layers of debris to get to the ethnic "Roots" of the show labeled by this appellation. Except for three out of 11 groups, the performed pieces, far from representing ethnic roots, were pop arrangements, hits from musicals, some popular music genres that just happen to be here without really belonging to any local tradition, such as the South American Salsa band, Baldi

Olier's flamenco, or Efraim Shamir's blues. The rest was a melange of different folklore styles that do not really belong together. A domineering, deafening pop

percussion set diluted the ethnic elements in the best case, and drowned them in the worst. Gila Bashari's fascinating, authentic voice production and traditional tin-cans accompaniment was a dignified representative of the Yemenite tradition.

The Kalinka group displayed a professionally polished, virtuoso Russian folk-music style, popular with local audiences without being part of the local music her-

The Bokharan Alayof family offered a veritable orgy of drumming on their mostly traditional

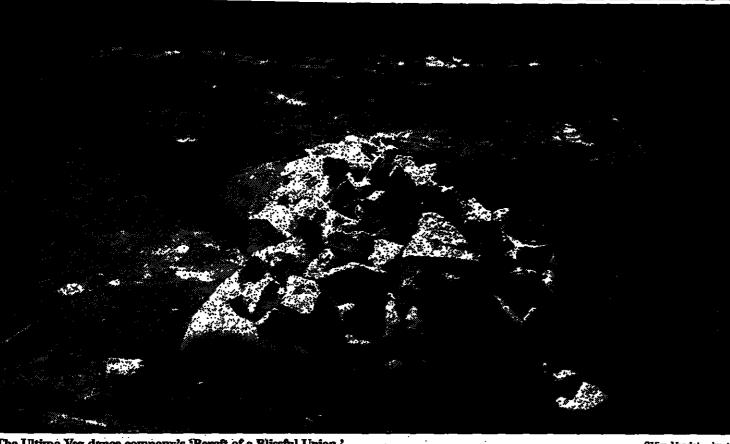
A brutal and superfluous amplification system - a convention of pop shows, not of ethnic music traditions - deplorably distorted the subtleties of the Persian chanteuse Jeannette Yehudayan's and the Ethiopian Keshet

Be'anan's singing. The attempt at artificially blending intrinsically independent music traditions was objection-

What could have been a unique, festive, colorful venture into the traditions of the country's various communities was downgraded to a mere commonplace pop show. There is nothing wrong with bona fide pop, of course.

But, if so, it should be frankly advertised as much, instead of luring the audience under false pre-

Gerard Behar Theater, May 27.



The Ultima Vez dance company's 'Bereft of a Blissful Union.'

(Wim Vandekeybus)

Bodies that remember

'Wim Vandekeybus is over-This could be seen in his What

the Body Does not Remember, ny at the Jerusalem Sherover Theater as part of the 1996 Israel Festival.

There was no story, only the whole of life's emotions unrolling in the movements of nearly a dozen super dancers (hailing from several countries, including Israel) who, amid all their incredible gymnastics, never faltered in

tion and fascination so intense that one longed for release. Yet the work was only 75 minutes

The same strength and hard-hitting style, startling new moves and faultless attack occurred only intermittently in the second Vandekeybus program (May 28), Bereft of a Blissful Union. This

individual musicians contributed diversion which actually enhanced the dance elements. their sense of dance. In their was partly due to an excessive use Call them hip-hop, breakdance, main thrust of the choreography have the GhettOriginal troupe got and reduced the dance values for

rhythmi Its Jam on the Groove show at the Gerard Behar Theater as part of the Jerusalem 3000 celebrations and the 1996 Israel Festival (May 30) had it all. The overflow house was ecstatic.

named X-Legged Sally group and

The sound was mostly recorded and the mixer deserved a bravo.

Classic rock vs. grunge metal

FAIRWEATHER JOHNSON Hootie & the Blowfish (Hed Artzi)

DOWN ON THE UPSIDE Soundgarden (Helicon)

you want to hear how rock in the '90s has evolved, these discs, by two of the biggest bands in the US, are a must. In this case, it's the grunge-metal approach of Soundgarden vs. the classic rock sound of Hootie and the Blowfish. It's the classic Eagles vs. Led Zeppelin rivalry of the '70s revisited - melodic. vocal-oriented rock vs. heavy guitar riffing.

When I was in the US last summer, I couldn't get away from the oddly-named Hootie and his bunch. The South Carolina band of college friends and their debut smash Cracked Rear View were everywhere - MTV, album rock radio, top 40, adult contemporary - every format claimed them and they crossed all barriers to produce one of the most successful debuts in rock's history. The band was pegged the "revenge of the normal." In a world of warped rock stars, this group seemed genuinely real.

Although it sounded fine on the radio, sort of like a Doobie Brothers for the '90s, my overall

Well, either I've changed my tune or the band has, because its excellent follow-up disc Fairweather Johnson hasn't left the CD player in days. These guys have it all - great songs, impeccable taste, compelling arrangements and sincere hearts that ring

The subject matter is still mostly basic boy-girl stuff, but with Darius Rucker's wrenching baritone, it sounds like issues of life and death.

When the band gets into a solid R&B groove, as on the single "Old Man and Me," the results are awesome. Poignant, powerful and **DAVID BRINN**

diverse. Fairweather Johnson is proof that even without groundbreaking innovations, mainstream rock 'n' roll can still be eye-open-

Let them continue to play golf in their spare time instead of taking drugs. Hootie rules!

SOUNDGARDEN, meanwhile, returns from the mega-success of Superunknown with another grunge-fest that, upon repeated listenings, sounds more and more like reheated '70s riffs from Led Zeppelin and Black Sabbath.

The Seattle quartet has always cut its own path from its northwest contemporaries on its way to becoming America's reigning kings of hard rock, mixing time changes, acoustic and cleanic instrumentation, and metal and jazz motifs, sometimes all in the same song.

Front man Chris Cornell's impressive Robert Plant-pitched vocals continue to stand out, whether crooning the folksy "Dusty" and "Switch Opens," or shouting "Ty Cobb" (the first rock - song about the rebel baseballer?) Thasir

though, the band takes a pummeling approach that leads songs into

There's nothing as compelling here as the mesmerizing "Black Hole Sun" from Superunknown, but that shouldn't stop it from becoming another blockbuster. I admit that I got out the air guitar more than a few times, and I can see millions of kids doing likewise in Bic-lit stadiums. However, if you were around for Zeppelin and Sabbath the first time around, you may find the riffs stale and the howls redundant. The song remains the same,

> ROCKING CHAIR AND ROLL

Is it 1996 or 1976? The following are honest-to-God summer tour groupings.

Steve Miller with Pat Benatar Foreigner with Peter Frampton and REO Speedwagon Cheap Trick with Boston Styx with Kansas

Jethro Tull with Emerson, Lake and Palmer Lynyrd Skynyrd with the Doobie

Chicago with Crosby, Stills and

and "Pretty Noose." Too often America with Three Dog Night

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A dose of Viennese romanticism

T the opening ceremony of the "Myth and Power' art exhibition at the Israel Museum, on loan from the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna, marking former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek's 85th birthday, we had the rare opportunity to listen to the performance of pianist Meira Farkas from Vienna.

Romanian-born Farkas was brought here and became one of the most distinguished pupils of the unforgettable Ilona Vince-Kraus. Later, she settled in Vienna.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

Farkas is the type of musician who has almost vanished from our musical horizon. Without having to blind us with glittering virmosity or wizardly fireworks, she provides her audiences with deeply moving musical experi-

Exhibition organizers asked her of all musi-

cians to represent Vienna's unrivaled musical

Viennese composers - a Mozart fantasy and a Schubert impromptu - she gave us moments of beautifully controlled emotional involvement, identification and empathy.

Farkas is a romantic, so she captured the romanticism of each piece sincerely and honestly. Listening to Meira Farkas's brief musical offerings before and after the speeches made me wish they had been at either end of a

Jerusalem, Israel Museum, May 28.

Playing works by the two most obviously A quartet that sets the trends

THE musicians of the Emerson String Quartet wear their wedding rings on their right hands and not as customary on the left. According tofounder member Engene Drucker, speaking in a phone interview from his New York home, wearing wedding bands on the customary left hand would interfere with the dexterity of our playing.

But really it just happened, we never decided to do it. Each of us did it independently." And after the Emersons started with this trend other string players followed suit. -

The Emersons, American string players who have gained a reputation as one of the major string quartets in the world, have been trendsetters in more serious musical matters as well. For example they do not have a division between first and second violinist. Rather Drucker and Philip Setzer share the principal violinist position.

"It started at the beginning when we were students at Juilliard," says Drucker. "We were the ones who established this precedent."

initially colleagues did not understand what was the idea behind the perpetual switch. We got some negative feedback," says Drucker, adding that some put it down to the quartet's "lack of seriousness. But," he

claims, "it's really appropriate

for us, and it's an extension of

the process of 20th-century

string quartet playing."

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Drucker elaborates that "A hundred years ago the quartets, like the famous Joachim Quartet, centered around one famous violinist and three other players. In fact Joachim would collect different players in different cities. Then the quartet was a one-man show. In this time it has become a more equal experience shared among four players."

The division between Drucker and Setzer is very precise. "At the beginning we divided the repertoire as equally as we could. So I play eight Beethoven [string quartets] and so does

We each play three Bartok quartets; I do Debussy and so he does Ravel. The only inequality has occurred when composers wrote three quartets. And we try to make sure that in each concert there is a division as well."

Drucker believes that life in the Emerson String Quartet is more normal than what he hears happens in other quartets: "Our nerves are nothing compared to other quartets. We are four very different people and we have distinct personalities. We try to give each other the peace each needs."

And so the four musicians tend to book themselves on "different flights and in hotel rooms not on the same floor. At the beginning we had to get used to each other, learning to accept the differences both musically and verbally, but we finally realized that we are all searching for the same goal and that we just have different

the sake of multimedia. Touches

of humor, like the winking eyes

on the screen, were misplaced.

The accent seemed more on pro-

duction than creation. Yet where it

concentrated on dance it was grip-

Live music helped. The oddly

The Emerson String Quartet is celebrating almost two decades of existence. "Our beginnings are hard to pinpoint, because we started as a student quartet and evolved very gradually. But the four of us have been together since 1979. There was nothing planned in the way we developed. After Juilliard we just continued playing a few concerts a year after school at churches, we never said let's get serious about

THE quartet is making its local debut in the Israel Festival performing one program of quartets by Haydn, Dvorak and Shostakovich (June 8) and another evening of the plano quintets of Brahms and Shostakovich with planist Yefim Bronfman (June 10).

Shostakovich's inclusion was at the request of festival organizers who are trying to present a wide spectrum of the Russian composer's music. "Audiences relate very well to Shostakovich," says Drucker. People are obviously afraid when they see a 20th-century name on the program but we do

a lot of Shostakovich. "When you play Shostakovich you can't forget for a moment the conditions in the USSR and the kind of constraint he was

under throughout and the fact he had to use a simpler harmonic structure. Yet nevertheless he was able to express himself because he used frony. His surface is always optimistic, but beneath that there is a mocking sardonic aspect with metaphors expressing reaction to the

Drucker, 43, emphatically believes that there is a future to chamber music in general and to the string quartet in particular. "It's not easy for a young quartet to make it over the hump of the first five years because of personal and economic difficulties. But in the USA, compared to 30 years ago, there are many more places where you can play string

quartet concerts." The Emersons try to help the future by playing some contemporary music. "We try to play at least one new piece a year and usually more than that. . If audiences are developing more understanding and openness to newer music, that helps too. Audiences are always delighted when they discover that they can relate to a new music."

Drucker says it's hard to define the style of the Emerson String Quartet.

"We tend to be exciting and we try not to be too aggressive, especially in recordings. There seems to be the sense of four distinct voices and I hope a strong sense of interplay between the four of us, and the ability to get swept up in the current of the music.'

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Images of decadence

HIBRID

Director, Joan Gran. Lighting, Jordi Arboix. Music, Ramon Ferrer. Set, Joan Gran, Fina Sola. Costumes, Tallers Pascualin, Semola Tentre, Rarcelona, Spain.

Cast: Montse Aguilar, Rosa Galbany, Joan Gran, Carlos Pujols, Juan Roura,

HEATERGOERS craving for meaningful and progressive goals in today's drama may understandably mistake this audacious circus of copulating Catalonian clowns for significant avant garde. Vaunted in words as a celebration of the End of Time as well as the poetry of decadence, of aesthetic poverty, the noble dirt and terrible violence of modern existence, it also claims to be a wordless expression of the emptiness and loneliness of modern culture. Or, alternatively a reflection of the anarchistic and nihilistic trends of "capitalist society's sink-

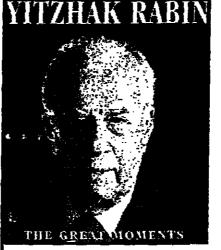
ing wreck."
High-sounding as this manifesto may be, in live stage language it is a lot less lofty. Seven trapeze artists and professional hoofers transfer their circus skills and techniques to what is supposed to be a 'surrealized" illustration of the above themes. Cashing in on the dredged-up tricks of Dada, a medium strange to today's audiences, they try to scandalize with a modern version of the provocative images and devices of that theater without ever exciting the same scintillating aesthetic response.

The show, though it hardly deserves the distinction, may be a present-day dab, a satanic slant, on Dante's Divine Comedy. Or more aptly, with its proud projection of profanity and abomination, a parallel to medieval allegories of the Seven Sins. At the very least, in its uninhibited explosions of sloth. gluttony, greed, pride and envy, not

forgetting sex of every sort -Sapphic, sodomy, necrophilic, you name it - it outports the hottest of horny porn. Grim, grotesque and humorless, the assault on the senses of images of decadence and disintegration begin to pall long before they penetrate.

In proof of Catalonia's contribution to humanity, the program cites the challenges of Picasso, Juan Miro, Casals and Gaudi to artistic and cultural conventions. With only two outstanding performances, a dancer and guitarist in a satirical flamenco-slanted caricature of a bullfight, the allusion underlines the pompous and pretentious claims of this show to number among their successors.

"It is all poses, gestures, and pathos," the program notes assert in what is a fair description of the 75-minute work's general incoherence and chaotic sense of disinte-



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BUSINESS & FINANCE

INCOME Tax Commissioner Doron Levy yesterday called on the new government to endorse his agency's long-term, tax-cut plan, which aims to reduce the country's overall tax revenues by NIS 5 billion.

Speaking at a gathering of certified public accountants, Levy said the commission's plan would incorporate in a wage-earner's income tax his or her payments for national insurance and health care, which are currently believed to the contract of the contr

rently skimmed off of salaries on top of tax payments.

Levy said his plan would reduce to 30 percent the marginal-tax rate for a monthly salary of NIS 8,000, which currently leaves the earner with roughly 50% of his or her gross, after payment of income tax, health-

care tax and national insurance fees.

The state's lost income – if it adopts the commission's recommendations - would be compensated through an expansion of the income tax base, particularly in the real estate sector, a rise in company taxes, and by fiscal cuts, which would allow the state to cut taxes for individuals.

Growth slows in private consumption

EARLIER signs this year that private-consumption growth was slowing down were reinforced by

Bureau of Statistics yesterday.

Faced with a set of mixed signals for the economy's general direction, the CBS stopped short of concluding the economy is of concluding the economy is slowing down.

However, it did say its preliminary indicators show private-consumption growth and the growth rate of industrial and capitalintensive imports slowed in April

Retail sales grew nine percent in April from the previous month, while March's growth rate in this

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category was 12%.

Monthly retail sales - which together with durable goods and housing are the major categories of private-consumption - rose 15% during March and 17% from the November 1995-February 1996 period.

The industrial-production index rose an annual 6%-7% between November 1995 and March 1996. The CBS reported, however, that the performance of industrial exporters between February and April indicated a downward trend in the pace of growth, as did investments in machinery, equip-

ment and imported vehicles. These grew by 8-10% during March-April after having expanded by 13%-18% in the previous two months and 21-23% over the

second half of last year.

Moreover, locally marketed cement over the first quarter actually shrank by 20% from the pre-

any strank by 20% from the pre-vious quarter and was 5% smaller than the quantity sold here in the corresponding period last year. The number of new immigrants who arrived here during March-April was 5,700 a month, significantly lower than 1995's last quarter, when some 7,500 immigrants arrived every month on

Survey: Israel among less corrupt economies worldwide

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

A POLL designed to reflect businessmen's ranking of 54 countries based on their perceptions of how New Zealand is the world's least corrupt country, scoring 9.43 out of a possible points, while Nigeria received the lowest score for any antion at . 0.69.

The poll was carried out according to the Corruption Perceptions Index of the Berlin-based Transparency International orga-University.

Israel was ranked the 14th cleanest country with a 7.71 rating, just ahead of the US, which received a 7.66.

Jordan, ranked 30th, received a 4.89, while Russia ranked 47th

A zero grade in the corruption index suggests a country's business transactions are entirely dominated by kickbacks, extortion and bribery.

The index was based on 10 international surveys of businessmen and reflects their impressions and perceptions, not necessarily the reality, of the corruptness of a

The study's researchers defined corruption as the misuse of public

power for private benefits. These misuses included bribing public officials, taking kickbacks

zling public funds.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Koor Investment becomes full member at TASE: Koor Investment House has received full Tel Aviv Stock Exchange membership, a status which allows it to operate there as a clearing member, Koor Capital Markets general manager Yizzhak Halamish announced yesterday. Halamish said the membership marks the end of the first stage in increased activity in the capital market for Koor

Capital Markets.

Koor Investment is a brokerage firm that manages investment portfolios of more than NIS 500 million. Koor Capital Markets, which was founded in February 1994, owns five subsidiary compawhich was founded in recial services such as underwriting, manage-nies that provide financial services such as underwriting, manage-ment of finds and portfolio management.

Galit Lipkis Beck ment of funds and portfolio management.

UMB-London debtor put into receivership: The UK-based Facia Stefen Hinchliffs retail chain was put into receivership over the weekend at the request of United Mizrahi Bank's (UMB) London branch, a UMB spokesman confirmed yesterday. The collapsed group has left accumulated debts of £30 million, including £7m. to UMB London. Facia accumulated bad debts to UMB London after management granted credit to the retail chain above the UK's approved credit ceiling.

A UMB spokesman said the episode is connected to the disclosure of irregularities at the London branch in the third quarter last year. As a result, UMB made a special provision of NIS 80m. in 1995 to cover for all of the ensuing bad debts, and the branch manager was forced to resign.

Leon Recanati named as acting chairman of IDB Holdings: IDB Holdings board of directors has appointed Leon Recanati as acting chairman of the board in place of Rafael Recanati, who has tem-

porarily stepped down from the position for health reasons.

In an announcement to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, the company said Leon, the son of the late Daniel Recanan, will wield all the authority and power of the CEO until Rafael is able to return.

Limits raised on rearing chickens: The Agriculture Ministry has agreed to raise current limits on rearing chickens. Production quotas will rise to 1,500 tonnes a year for kibbutzim and 200 on moshavim. This is expected to lead to a decrease in home chicken prices, which are currently far higher than those in Europe and the US.

Net exports of polished diamonds up: The net exports of polished diamonds for May totaled \$346 million, an eight percent increase from the same period last year. The accumulative figure for January to May shows a 3.5% increase to \$1.7b. However, exports of rough diamonds last month decreased 20% to \$51 million. The combined export of both rough and polished stones shows a 1% fall from the

NIS 10 coin named world's most technologically advanced: The bi-metal, two-color NIS 10-coin produced last year has been voted the world's most technologically advanced coinage. The award was made in Warsaw by a committee of international mint administrators, which compared 21 coins from 12 countries. The coin comprises an outer circle of steel coated with pure nickel and within, an David Harris alloy coated bronze disk.

Tender bids for Kesem Interchange approved: Tender bids from 21 companies to construct the Kesem Interchange on the Trans-Israel Highway near Rosh Ha'ayin have been approved for final consideration. Cross Israel Highway Ltd. says 11 bids from earthmoving firms, five from bridge builders and the same number from roadlayers are now being reviewed.

On Sunday, the government approved a set of conditions for ten-der applications, allowing for the final selection process to start. Cross-Israel hopes work will begin on the interchange in September and be completed by winter 1998.

David Harris

Rare local stamp to be auctioned: One of the rarest pieces of philately in the country - the upper third of a sheet of three-mil Doar Ivvi stamps from 1948 - will be auctioned off on June 26. The auction, organized by the Tel Aviv Stamp Company, will take bids by mail. Company director Ya'acov Tzahor said the starting price for the Doar Ivri sheet will be \$22,000. An envelope sent by Miriam Neistadt, commander of women soldiers in Jerusalem's Old City in 1948, will also be auctioned. It is one of only two envelopes that remain from the siege on the Old City. They were both flown to Tel Aviv by a Piper plane owned by the Hagana. Judy Siegel

Tax revenues up 0.5% this year

DAVID HARRIS

THE government's tax revenues for the first five months of the year rose 0.5 percent to NIS 39.6 billion from the corresponding period last year, the Treasury reported yester-

Total income in May alone was NIS 8.2b., marking no real change from May 1995. Income

Commission, however, reported a NIS 4.4b. decrease in real terms for income tax from last

Since January, income tax revenue have fallen 3% to NIS 21.4b. from the same period

last year.
The commission attributed the decrease to a NIS 500 million drop in income-tax payment, amid a 37% rise in tax returns and an increase in revenue from taxation on gas and cigarettes.

The Customs and Department reported NIS 3.6b. in revenues, marking no real change from the previous

The total since January was NIS 17.3b., a 4% increase in real terms. Against the previous May,

motor vehicle imports were up There was also a rise in import of washing machines

(3%), televisions and videos

(6%) and dishwashers (40%).



Once forced from the streets of Beijing because it was considered demeaning for one human to tow another, these pedicab drivers now make a modest living in modern-day Beijing ferrying tourists and locals in and around the center of the city.

(Reuter)

Tefahot suffers 7.8% decrease in first-quarter net profit

BANK Tefahot, the nation's largest mortgage bank, completed the first quarter with a 7.8 decrease in net profit to NIS 35.4 million from NIS 38.4m. in the same period last year.

Net return on equity on an annual basis rose to 16.5% from 14.5% in all of 1995.

The decrease in earnings was partly due to a 5.5% decline in financing activity before provision for doubtful debts to NIS

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77.47m. from NIS 82m. in the same period last year. The bank continued to benefit

from a rise in commission-yielding income, mainly from the sale of life insurance policies and property insurance to mortgage

from commissions Income increased to NIS 26.2m. from NIS

Loans not including grants increased 18% to NIS 1.58 billion

The bank's shareholders equity increased 4% to NIS 947.5m. from NIS 912m, at the end of

23.7m. in the first quarter last The bank granted a record amount of loans in the reported

from NIS 1.22b. in the corresponding quarter last year. in public procurement or embez-

Local Government Economic Services Ltd. Provision of Metal Waste Containers

Local Government Economic Services Ltd. (hereinafter called "The Company") hereby presents an Invitation to quote for the provision of metal waste containers in accordance with the conditions specified in the tender documents.

Public Tender MM/1996/18

The tender documents and it's conditions can be purchased, as from 5 June 1996, at the Company's offices during regular work hours in return for a single payment of NIS 700, which will not be returned, for each tender envelope. The tender documents can be perused, free of charge, prior to the

A meeting for clarification purposes will be held on 23 June 1996, at 16.00 p.m. at the Company's offices. Potential bidders are requested to attend the clarification meeting.

The bids for the tender, marked public tender MM/1996/18, shall be submitted in a sealed envelope in person (not via post) by 18 July 1996, by 1.00 p.m. to the tenders box, at the Company's offices, 91 Hachashmonaim St., Tei Aviv, Israel. The bid shall also include an autonomic bank guarantee issued by the

Bank of Israel per the Bidders request for the sum of NIS 75,000. All bids shall be submitted in Hebrew, The Company does not undertake to accept the bid bearing the lowest price or any bid whatsoever.

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D'Amato reportedly warns French oil company over investments in Iran

PARIS (Reuter) - French oil com-pany Total SA has received a letter from US Senator Alfonse D'Amato warning it of probable American sanctions if it goes ahead with \$600 million in planned investments in Iran, the International Herald Tribune reported yesterday.

Citing a copy of a letter sent by D'Amato to Total, the paper said Total's investment in two Iranian oil fields would be seen by the

Senate as a threat to US national

"We in Congress view any business deal that provides Iran with the hard currency to develop its energy sector as a direct threat to US national security," it quoted the letter saying.

Total said it had no immediate comment on the article.

Company officials have said in

the past that Total's two Simi oil projects offshore Iran abide by

Sony's new Walkman-style personal movie screen

TOKYO (Reuter) - The company that gave the world the Walkman is taking personalized entertainment into a new dimension with its latest gadget - an individual movie screen mounted in a head-

Japanese electronics giant Sony said yesterday it would launch a personal liquid crystal display (LCD) menitor later this month that will allow individual viewing of movies and video discs.

The PLM-50 Glasstron, to be introduced in Japan on June 21, will feature a display monitor contained in special headgear and play back images from a videocassette recorder or a video com-

pact disc (CD) player.
Stereo earphones will relay the

Used in conjunction with a battery pack and a light-weight CD player, the product, like the Walkman, is a portable, individual entertainment system that viewers can use without disturbing those around them, Sony said. It measures 20 centimeters by

12 cm. by 26 cm., weighs 310 grams and will be priced at \$814. With a lithium-ion battery pack, the system allows two hours and 20 minutes of continuous playback in a portable setting.

Sony said it planned to produce 5,000 of the LCD monitors a

The Sony spokesman said the company would be the first to introduce this kind of personal monitor to the huge Japanese consumer electronics market. although several venture companies have developed head-mounted monitors in the US.

Japanese toy maker Takara Co Ltd. also plans to launch a headmounted LCD monitor for personal use in Japan in September, although that product will not be portable, as it cannot be connected to a battery pack.

Sony also announced yesterday that on June 21 it would launch a new portable video CD player, priced at \$333, that could be used in conjunction with the portable international law and cannot be

affected by US sanctions. D'Amato, a New York Republican, is sponsoring a bill to discourage non-American corporations from doing business in Iran and Libya by imposing penalties on them.

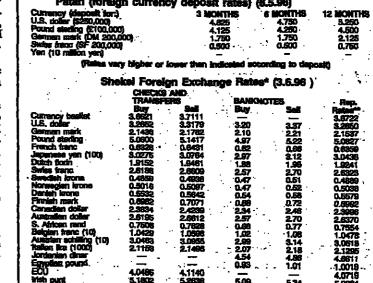
The legislation is expected to be enacted soon.

The bill seeks sanctions against companies that invest more than \$40 million a year in either of the

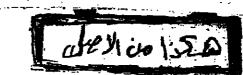
two countries and is intended to punish Iran and Libya for what the US says is sponsorship of ter-

The sanctions could include a ban on imports to the US, limits on loans from American credit markets, a ban on participation in US procurement contracts and a ban of export licenses on products manufactured in the US by the companies concerned, the IHT

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Shares up slightly

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET ROBERT DANIEL



STOCKS rose yesterday, led by investment company IDB Holding Ltd., as investors speculated about Prime Minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu's choice for finance minister.

The Maof Index advanced 0.28 percent to 218.53, while the Two-Sided Index added 0.42% to 206.10.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 148 million worth of shares traded, twice the daily average of May. Rising shares outpaced losers by 3.5-to-1.

Shares if IDB Holdings, the investment arm of the Recanati family, leaped 10%, the daily limit. Trading amounted to NIS 50.8m. making the holding company the most active stock.

There is speculation that Werthermer, who recently took a 13% stake in IDB, might be lifting his holding, said Eran Goren, a fund manager at Zannex Securities in Tel Aviv.

Goren said his "top choice" is former justice minister Dan Meridor, whose record "has been brilliant."

Politically, Meridor "is the ideal center choice, widely accepted" by Labor Party supporters, Goren said. And "he can work with the central bank," he said.

"I don't want to see anyone like [Ariel] Sharon coming in and messing up the ministry," Goren said. "Sharon is not a team player."

Another candidate for finance minister is Natan Sharansky. And Globes said in an advance

radio report of today's edition that Moshe Arens, a former defense minister, would be named finance minister,

Overali, Goren says he's cautious about the investment outlook.

The stock indexes had declined more than 4% Thursday as it became clear that Netanyahu had defeated Peres.

In a speech to the Likud Party's central committee Sunday night, Netanyahu spoke of an economy

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unhampered by special interests. he spoke of releasing the "genius in Israel" that will allow the country to become a world business leader. And he has said that he wants to sell several dozen government-run companies to the private sector.

At the same time. Netanyahu will have to form a government with a number of smaller parties, including the religious parties and most likely Sharansky's immigrants party as well.

That makes budget cuts, which the investment community would like to see as part of a broader economic package, more difficult since each special interest group wants its slice of the public pie.

Goren suggests that Netanyahu can overcome the demands of the smaller parties by simply wielding the power that he received as the first directly elected prime minister in the country's history.

The immigrants "must be in power. They have no clout in the opposition," Goren said. That gives Netanyahu an advantage in pressing them to moderate their demands, he said.

Likewise, the three religious parties also will have to bend if Netanyahu so demands, Goren said, since he conceivably could form a governing coalition without any individual one of them.

In any event, Goren said, Netanyahu might take a whack at the military budget, which he could do more easily than Peres could have done.

Among shares traded in both Tel Aviv and New York:

Teva dropped 1.5% in Tel Aviv. Koor advanced 0.75, the company's Koor investment house capital markets subsidiary, was named a full clearing member of the Tel Aviv Stock Ex-

Tadiran was unchanged in Tel Aviv. Elbit Ltd. rose 1.5%. Elron Electronic Industries ltd., a holding company for technology interests including 40 percent of Elbit, rose 0.25%. (Bloomberg)

Eurobourses close mixed, dollar revives

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) ~ European bourses closed mixed yesterday, but the dollar staged a modest rebound after markets were spooked by Wall Street, rising US Treasury bond yields and fears of a Mexican-style crisis in

Europe's major equity market, London, clawed back some of its losses by the close, Paris staged a late rally and Frankfurt revived in post-bourse trading.

The dollar regained its compo-sure after overnight losses driven by the rise in the US long bond yield through seven percent and fears voiced about Brazil by an influential economist.

Rudiger Dornbusch, a former adviser to US President Bill Clinton, sparked concerns about Brazil by telling a conference in Sydney that capital flows into South America's biggest economy were unstable and risked a financial crisis like Mexico's in late 1994.

By the time European markets closed, the dollar was trading at 1.5287 marks and 108.29 yen up from a European low of 1.5178 marks and 107.40 yen.

Traders said the US bond market was weighing on German government bonds. But British bonds rose after British purchasing managers' data came in weaker than expected, raising hopes of another cut in rates.

London's blue chips stocks ended mostly easier with the FISE 100 tracking Wall Street to close 8.6 points adrift but well off its lows.

French stocks reversed early losses to end higher after a late rally, helped by a revival in US and French bonds and the dollar.

The blue-chip CAC-40 index ended up 11.04 points, or 0.52 percent from Friday's close, at 2,121.10. Traders said there was strong technical support around 2,100, the day's low.

Blue-chip stocks fall as bond yields increase

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Blue- results, the Dow Jones industrial chip stocks closed weaker yester- average ended off 18.47 points. day as investors kept a nervous or 0.33 percent, at 5,624.71. eye on long-term bond interest rates, which backed up to seven percent on fears that the Federal Reserve will soon tighten credit. According to early, unofficial

More than 316 million shares changed hands on the New York Stock Exchange, where declining issues beat advances about 13 to

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PARIS (AP) - Defending champi-

on Thomas Muster was upset by Michael Stich in the fourth round of the French Open yesterday. Stich, the 15th seed from Germany, served 23 aces to beat the second-seeded Austrian, 4-6. 6-4, 6-1, 7-5 (7-1) and advance to

the quarter-finals. Stefan Edberg, the six-time Grand Slam winner who never won the French, ended his 13th and final try when he fell to 14th-seeded Marc Rosset of

Switzerland 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, 6-3. Unseeded Bernd Karbacher of Germany upset fifth-seeded Goran Ivanisevic in straight sets. Karbacher fired his 14th ace on match point to win 6-3, 6-1, 6-2 in an hour and 20 minutes.

Ninth-seeded Marcelo Rios of Chile was ousted by France's Cedric Pioline 6-4, 6-1, 6-2, keeping the French in the quarterfinals and sending the home crowd into a frenzy.

On the women's side, third-seeded Conchita Martinez advanced with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over South Africa's Amanda Coetzer.

Of the five top male seeds, only No. 1 Pete Sampras remained, followed by sixth seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia.

It was only Muster's fourth loss on clay in two years. Stich, who only returned recently from an Achilles injury, decided to play in Paris at the last moment.

Muster was up 5-2 in the fourth set but Stich won four of the next five games to force the tiebreaker. Fate seemed to be on Stich's side when he won the first point of the tiebreaker on a forehand that tipped the top of the net and fell

Muster won the next point on a serve return, but then Stich won the next six points to close out the

Stich dropped his racket after hitting a forehand volley into the open court, and the crowd rose to a standing ovation.

"I didn't play well enough on my baseline game," Muster said. 'My whole game today was tied



OVER TO YOU - Germany's Michael Stich backhands the ball to Austria's Thomas Muster during their fourth round match of the French Open yesterday.

up and wasn't good enough. I wasn't aggressive enough with my footwork.

Stich said he noticed Muster was tired. There was a lot of pressure on him to defend his title. For me, I had nothing to lose. He had a lot to lose.

"This is one of the biggest victories of my career," Stich said. "Beating Thomas in Paris is

Stich took Wimbledon in 1991 but has never advanced past the semifinals at the French Open.

The unseeded Edberg had upset No. 4 Michael Chang in an impressive third round match. But Rosset resisted the Swede's serveand-volley attacks, firing back with deadly passing shots and serves of over 200 kph.

Edberg led in the first set 3-2, but Rosset broke him to tie, then battled to the set tiebreaker. Edberg started to weaken in the second set, serving his seventh double fault.

A Rosset forehand shot struck Edberg in the fifth game of the third set and Edberg rolled on his back comically, appearing

Rosset was up 5-1 in the third set when Edberg made a run, saving four match points to make it 5-3. Rosset saved a break point in the ninth game with an ace and ended the contest two points later with his ninth ace, ending a two hour and 13-minute duel.

The 30-year-old Edberg, blowing kisses to the cheering crowd, walked off the court smiling, after shaking hands with Rosset. With the win, Rosset made the quarterfinal of a Grand Slam for the first

Ivanisevic appeared hobbled by blisters on the ball of this left foot and was treated by the trainer at 5-0 in the second set against Karbacher.

I started very well with two breaks in the first set," Karbacher said. "He lost his patience and rhythm, and he tried to serve

"I didn't win the match because he had a blister," Karbacher insisted.

Ivanisevic received a code violation warning for unsportsman-like conduct after he double-faulted to lose his serve at love in the third game of the third set. Normally known for big serve,

Ivanisevic had only two aces and committed 45 unforced errors. "It was tough," Ivanisevic said.

Today I was not 50 percent, so there's no way I can win."

Venables: Rowdy players will be fined

LONDON (AP) – English soccer players will be fined for damaging the plane bringing them home from Hong Kong last week but they will not be kicked off the Euro 96 squad, coach Terry Venables

Reports of how drunken English players had smashed up two airplane TV sets and a table on the flight back had sparked a public debate about what should happen the players only a week before the

There were calls for them to be dropped from the European Championship lineup for setting a bad example to the fans. Venables's statement, released through the English Football Association, did not mention whether that action had been considered. Neither did he specify which players had been fined

Since they arrived home a week ago, the players have remained silent about what happened on the Cathay Pacific fight from Hong Kong to Heathrow a week ago while media reports suggested Paul Gascoigne, Robbie Fowler and Steve McManaman were at the center of the trouble.

Venables, who flew to Switzerland soon after the Hong Kong trip to watch England's first Euro 96 opponents in action, made his own inquiries into the airplane rowdiness as soon as he returned Sunday.

"The England squad has accepted collective responsibility for what has happened. The matter is

now being dealt with internally," Venables said in

The players express their sincere regret. I have spent several hours both last night and today talking to the players about allegations made in connection with last week's flight from Hong Kong to London.

"Three of the players were very angry that they had taken the blame publicly - and without justification they believe - for the reported damage on the aeroplane. They told me they were seeking legal advice on compensation for the harm to their reputations.

"I also discussed the situation with other members of the squad. Most of them appeared to have been totally unaware of any problems on the flight until they reached their homes several hours after arriving at Heathrow," Venables said.

"It was more than nine hours after touchdown that the Football Association was first contacted by Cathay Pacific."

Venables best hope now is that the matter will blow over and that he and the players can concentrate on beating Switzerland, Scotland and the Netherlands and reaching the last eight. The next step, however, is how the media and public react to Venables's action

Media who went to their training headquarters at Bisham Abbey, 25 miles west of London saw only brief glimpses of the players who were protected by

UK media group negotiating for Leeds

LONDON (Reuter) - A British media company backed by several leading investors said yesterday it was in talks to acquire former English soccer champions Leeds United.

Shares in Caspian Group Plc were suspended after the company confirmed it was in discussions that could lead to it acquiring a controlling stake in the Premier League club.

A report in the Financial Times newspaper said that Caspian planned to pay £10 million pounds for the 65 percent of the club owned by Leeds chairman Bill Potherby and his predecessor, Leslie Silver.

The report added that Caspian also planned to take on the club's £10 milliondebt and would finance the deal through a share

Caspian is owned by leading investment groups including Schroders, Mercury Asset-Management, London and Manchester, and Guardian Royal

It has interests in television production and animation but is believed to see the acquisition of the northern English club as the first step on the road to the creation of a large sports and leisure group.

One of English soccer's biggest clubs. Leeds won the league title for the third time in 1992 but has failed to build on that success. English soccer is enjoying a

renaissance after being blighted by bouts of hooliganism during the 1980s.

The revenue generated by a lucrative television contract with satellite broadcaster BSkyB has heloed to turn the game into big business and a number of clubs have been floated on the stock market

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Stanley Cup finalists have no business being there

DENVER (Reuter) - :The Cinderella Florida Panthers may be underdogs when they take on the Colorado Avalanche for the Stanley Cup beginning today, but it is certain they will not be underestimated again.

The venues - Denver and Miami – are completely strange for a Stanley Cup showdown, and the only sure thing after playoffs in which all the favorites fall by the wayside is that a first-time champion will drink champagne from hockey's most treasured trophy when the best-of-seven series

With smothering defense and superb goaltending, the Panthers stunned Eastern Conference heavyweights Philadelphia and Pittsburgh to reach the championship round in only their third year in existence and first in the playoffs. And someone forgot to tell the

Avalanche that the Western

go to the Detroit Red Wings, prohibitive favorites to win the Cup after posting a record 62 regular season wins. That mark was rendered meaningless in six games by Joe Sakic's shooting and Patrick Roy's goaltending.

The Avalanche marked their first season in Denver by finishing second overall in the NHL. In 17 seasons as the Quebec Nordiques, the franchise never got to the finals, reaching the semifinals only twice.

While the league may have been hoping for flashier teams with superstar players in their showcase event, the finals instead feature a Florida team without a household name among them, a disciplined club with virtually no stars with the possible exception goaltender Vanbiesbrouck.

"He has been in the zone since the start of the playoffs," said Pittsburgh coach Eddie Johnston about the goalie after Florida beat his team in Games Six and Seven. "He was the difference in all three series the Panthers won, against Boston, then Philadelphia and finally against us."

Florida proved the worth of their stand-up, stifling defensive style of play by holding Pittsburgh superstars Mario Lemieux and Jaromir Jagr - the NHL's two most feared snipers - to just one goal each in seven games. The pair combined for 15 goals in five games against the Rangers in the prior round.

"I have never played against as good a defensive team," said Lemieux. "They don't give you any open ice to make plays. There are always two or three players coming at you."

Now Florida must turn its attention to stopping Sakic, who has been playing out of his head in the postseason. With 17 goals already,

NHL record for most playoff goals in a single season.

Vanbiesbrouck and company will also have to watch out for center Peter Forsberg, one of the best Swedes to play in the NHL. But they will not have to deal with postseason standout Claude Lemieux, for the first two games at least.

The scrappy - some say sneaky and dirty - Colorado right wing was suspended for the first two games for a check from behind on Detroit's Kris Draper in the final game of their series. Draper's face went into the boards with such force he suffered a fractured jaw and broken nose and other

Lemieux is one of the few players on the Colorado roster with Stanley Cup finals experience. He won the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff Most Valuable Player with the New Jersey Devils last season and won a Stanley Cup stirring goaltending duels and a ring with the Montreal Canadiens chance for a bit of revenge for mil 1986. Vanhiesbrouck. The goaltender on that 1986 team is also the key to Colorado's

Stanley Cup dream. Patrick Roy, who backstopped the Canadiens to NHL titles in 1986 and 1993, joined Colorado in a December trade after appearing to have lost his touch in the Montreal net. Roy's surrendering

of nine goals in a Montreal game against Detroit proved the turning point in Colorado's fortunes. "When we were able to get Patrick Roy to play goal for us, we thought it might be the final link needed to win the Stanley Cup," said Avalanche coach Marc

"When a team like Montreal gives up on you, you want to show you can still play," said Roy, one of the league's greatest big-

game goaltenders. The series should provide some

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In 1986, Vanbiesbrouck won the

Vezina Trophy as the NHL's best goalie and carried the Rangers into the conference finals only to be thwarted by Montreal and a spectacular rookie performance by Roy.

"Beezer won the game for us and we're in the Stanley Cup Finals," said ecstatic Florida coach Doug MacLean after his team's 3-1 Game Seven victory over Pittsburgh Saturday.

"It's unbelievable, and maybe Beezer can even the score with

STANLEY CUP FINALS (Best-of-?) Today: Florida at Colorado Thursday: Florida at Colorado Saturday: Colorado at Florida June 10: Colorado at Florida June 13: Fla. at Col., if necessa June 15: Col. at Fla., if necessa June 17: Fla. at Col., if necessa

Kent stays top as Yorkshire falls to Middlesex

LONDON (Reuter) - A Michael Bevan century at Lord's failed to earn Yorkshire the victory they needed to go top of the county championship after a spectacular collapse against Middlesex saw them lose their last six wickets in 34 balls,

Bevan struck 107 and opener Michael Vaughan 67 before becoming a victim of left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell who claimed four for 106 in an unbroken spell of 43 overs.

Yorkshire, seemingly cruising to victory at 294 for four, stumbled to 322 all out, leaving Middlesex winners by 21 runs. Earlier, champions

Warwickshire had put their stuttering season back on track with a nine-wicket victory over Northamptonshire. Northants led by 15 runs going

into the final day at Northampton and their last two wickets put on only 26 more, leaving Warwickshire to ease past their victory target for the loss of Andy Heavy rain ruined any hopes of

a decisive result in Nottinghamshire's match against Durham at Trent Bridge. But Notes could draw some satisfaction from turning the game around after being forced to follow on 186 runs behind. They eventually finished on 408 for three, former England opener Tim Robinson scoring 184, At Northampton: Warwickshire (24 points) best Northamptonshire by 9

Worcestershire 431 and 288-4 declared (T.Moody 138 not out, K.Spiring 82). Hampshire 393-7 declared. Worcestershire 9 points, Hampshire 9. At The Oval: Match drawn. Surrey 477 and 345-3 declared (G.Thorpe 68, A.Hollioake 71 not out, A.Brown 56 not out, M.Butcher 57, G.Thorpe 68 not out). Derbyshire 469 and 246-9 (D.Cork 82 not out; M.Bicknell 5-17). Sarrey 10 points, Derbyshire 10. At Lord's: Middlesex (24 points)

best Yorkshire (4 points) by 21 runs. Middlesex 447 and 171-4 declared. Yorkshire 275 and 322 (M.Bevan 107, M.Vaughan 67; P.Tufnell 4-106).

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

ISRAEL FESTIVAL HELEN KAYE

MORE puppers from South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company: This time it's Faustus in Africa which looks at the old myth through today's eyes in the new South Africa Animation, nuppets and humans work marvalously, together, in Rebecca Crown tonight through Thursday at 9 p.m. (English). Next door in Henry Crown it's those three inspired lunatics of the Reduced Shakespeare Company from the US making a remm visit with their The Complete Bible: Abridged, tonight at 9. Prepare to laugh. And on the Sherover Theater stage Doron Nesher, star of the popular radio show Night Birds, talks and sings to the Lord

ANCIENT prayers and folk blend together in Songs Inner. Turkish singer Senem Divici and her quartet perform their and Revealed performed and special brand of folk-oriented jazz for the Israel Festival. sung by Ruth Weider-Magen and Victoria Hanna at the Church of

at 9 p.m.

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14 Is on the fiddle, despite respectful greetings (4)

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added spirit (5)

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25 A role he and I had in

segregation (9)

27 Vocal viscount's son

embraced by friend (6)

28 His appetite is

29 Little sweetheart, I take

30 Advantage enjoyed by

DOWN

2 Give lecturer a teaset (6)

1 Go and change partners (6)

3 About to slow down and

4 Private lists delivered by

6 To go into detail is complicated (9)

Joan of Arc (7)

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note (6)

stop (5)

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

SHAKESPEARE in Beirut? Certainly, if we're talking about Omri Nitzan's deliciously madcap and pro-peace production of The Comedy of Errors for the Cameri Theater. He has set the story of two sets of identical twins in an unnamed Middle Eastern city, but the hint is clear, as is the plea for tolerance. Tonight on the main stage at 8:30. (Hebrew with simultaneous translation into English).

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

TONIGHT'S musical bill at the Israel Festival Jerusalem has nothing of the conventional. Swedish organist Ingemar Melchersson performs a program of organ works composed before the time of Bach by such composers as Byrd, Buxtehude and the much less familiar Muffat, Froberger and Kuhnau, At the Dormition Abbey (8:30). At Gerard Beharat 9 there is a unique collaboration. between Denis Fournier and his band from France and Turkish singer Senem Divici and her quartet



playing folk-oriented jazz. The French ensemble also performs tomorrow at Heichal Hatarbut in Kfar Šava (9).

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** SENSE AND SENSIBILITY - Emma Thompson stars with grace in Ang Lee's highly entertaining and big-hearted film. What's perhaps even more impressive, she also wrote the screenplay and did a very fine job. Based on Jane Austen's first published novel, the script is a model of how a 185-year-old comedy of manners can be vitally adapted for the contemporary screen: There is, almost miraculously, nothing starched or prim about the movie. Thompson's rendition of Austen's measured book is faithful to the original without being slavish, at once respectful and creative. And Lee whose The Wedding Banquet and Eat Drink Man Woman were two of the most surprising movies of the last several years - was an inspired choice to direct. While he shows great affection for the characters and the formal rituals that surround them, he's not hung up on the trappings. Quietly, responsibly, he attends to the costume-drama niceties of how his people walk and sit and hold their forks - but never to distraction. With an excellent cast. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggest-

7 Totally apt as a Socialist

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18 Refuse to give in project

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26 Dance with energy? Nonsense! (5)

SOLUTIONS

Yesterday's Quick Solution

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17 Bobby, 18 Arch, 22 Links, 23

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1 Islamic ruler (6)

2 Nicaraguan

capital (7)

3 Wild olive (8)

5 Precise (5)

6 Strata (6)

13 Excused (8)

17 Brawl (6)

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ACROSS

4 Rotating disc (5)

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9 Cradle-song (7)

10 Winged horse (7)

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12 Gratuity (3)

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E MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 700 Club 14:30 China 9, Liberty 37, 1978 - A gunfighter, sentenced to a long prison term, is pardoned by the governor on condition that he folls a notonous villain. Starring Warren Cates and Fabio Testi. (88 mins.) 18:05 Urban peasants 16:30 Dennis the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Diploto 17:45 Hart to Hart 18:40 The A Team 19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 CNN Headline News 20:30 America's Funniest Home Videos 20:55 Star Trek: The Next Generation 21:45 Father Dowling 22:35 The 700 Club 23:05 Larry

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15:30 Sugar and Spice 16:00 Taking Direction 16:30 Great inventors 17:30 Boulez: 20th-Century Music 18:00 Faces of Culture 18:30 On Second Thoughts 19:00 Family Album 19:30 Family relations 20:00 A New Evening with Russian subtitles 20:30 Welcome to France 21:00 Female Perspective 21:30 Paula Rego - The Portuguese painter is the only woman artist whose works are on permanent display in the National Gallery in London 22:30 Moses in Jewish Tradition

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Life 8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:25 Peria Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 21 Jump Street 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 12:00 Cres Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Peria Negra 20:50 Beverty Hills 90210 21:40 The Good Fight -TV movie 23:10 Sapir 23:20 Wings 23:45 Mekrose Place 00:35 Babylon 5 1:20 Hunter

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Best Shots (1990) - a young man goes to work for the first time in his life when disinherited from the his life when disinherited from the tamily fortune (rpt) 13:45 Where Pigeons Go To Die (1990) - melodrama about the relationship between an old man and his grandson, who raise pigeons together. Directed by Michael Landon (88 mins.) 15:20 Double Edge (1992) murder is committed in the hotel where a meeting of the FBI is taking place (rpt) 16:55 Svengali (1983) an aging musician turns a young rock singer into a star. Starring Peter O'Toole and Jodie Foster. Directed by Anthony Harvey (93 mins.) 18:30 Murder So Sweet (1991) - Harry Hamlin stars as a handsome lover who loves his wives to death (not) 20:15 Key Position 21:00 Street 20:15 Key Position 21:00 Street Kright (1993) – a former cop returns to the streets of LA to fight a mysterious group (90 mins.) 22:30 Sunset (1988) – cowboy star Torn Mix and legendary marshal Wyatt Earp join forces to solve crimes in 20s Hollywood. With Bruce Willis and leaves Conservation 19 Places James Gamer. Directed by Blake Edwards (102 mins.) 00:15 Quest for Justice (1992) - Jane Seymour is a white journalist fighting racism during the American Civil War (88 mins.)

1:50 Physical Evidence (1989) - a violent cop is accused of killing a matioso and must persuade his lawyer of his innocence (rpl)

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:05 Mot (rpt) 8:30 Detective Boogle (rpt) 9:05 Alice in Wonderland (rpt) 9:35 Nils Holgerson (rpt) 10:05 Family Ties (rpt) 10:35 California Dreams 10:55 Saved by the Bell (rpt) 11:30 Once There Were ... Inventors (rpt) 12:00 Time Surfers (rpt) 12:45 Alvin and the Chipmunks (rpt) 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 Popcomia 14:00 Spiderman 14:35 Alice in Wonderland 15:05 Nils Holgerson 15:35 The Brady Bunch 16:05 California Dreams 16:25 Roseanne 17:05 Wild Nature 17:30 Time Surfers 18:15 Alvin and the Chipmunks 18:35 Mot (m) 19:00 Detective Boogle (rpt) 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with

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22:00 Brother's Keeper (1992) Docu-chama about Delbert Ward, a
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accused of murdering his sick brother, and a neighbor who comes to his defense. Directed by Joe Berlinger uniertse. Orrected by Joe Beringer and Bruce Sinotsky (90 mins.) 23:35 Un.e Partie de Campagne (1936, French) — Story of a Parisian girl's adventure during her family's picnic in the country. Directed by Jean Renoir (38 mins.)

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SUPER CHANNEL

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Today 10:00 Supershop 11:00
European Money Wheel 16:00
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Street 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30
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23:30 Horse Racing 00:00 The
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Later with Greg Kinnear

E STAR PLUS

6:00 Aerobics 6:30 Nanny and the Professor 7:00 Mr. Belvedere 7:30 Yan Can Cook 8:00 Entertainment Tonight 8:30 Gabrielle 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Winfrey 12:00 Remington Steele 13:00 Yan Can Cook 13:30 El TV 14:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 14:30 The New Adventures of Lassie 15:00 Lost in Space 16:00 Home and Away 16:30 Entertainment Tonight 17:00
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RADIO

B VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Muffat: Sonata for strings and basso continuo (European Union Baroque); Bach: Centata no 214 "Sound the Trumpets, Beat the Drums" (Age of Enlightenment/Leonhardt); Beethoven: Trio in E flat for violin, viola and cello op 3 (L'Archibaldi); Schumann: Kreisleriana (Brand, piano); Debussy: La mer piano); Debussy: La mer (Philagelphia/Muti); Shostakovich: Cello concerto no 2 12:00 Light Classical - double concertos by Sononcini. Cimarosa Krommer 13:00 Pianist Emanuel Ax - Beethoven: Piano concerto no 4 (with JSO/Foss); Schoenberg: Piano concerto op 42 14:06 Encore 15:00 Israeli Artists on CDs - Golda Weinberg-Taff, piano, in works by Chopin, Fauré, Scriabin 18:00 My Concert with Yoram Regev 18:00 New CDs - Prokofiev: Romeo and uliet, excerpts (San Francisco SO/Tilson Thomas); last-minute acquisitions 20:05 Before the Concert 20:30 Israel Festival-Jerusalem 1996 - live broadcast from Dormition Abbey, Ingemar Melchersson, organ. Works by Byrd, Muffat, Froberger, Buxtehude, Kuhnau ±22:30 A Musical Journey Muffat.

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ANKARA (Reuter) - Turkey's military headquarters said IDF Deputy Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i visited Ankara yesterday as part of a military pact between the two countries which has angered the Moslem world.

Vilna'i is scheduled to meet Turkey's armed forces chief, Ismail Karadayi, and his deputy. Cevik Bir, today. He is to leave Turkey on Sunday, military head-

quarters said in a statement. Israel's ambassador to Ankara played down the significance of the visit, which follows a trip by Turkey's navy chief to Israel a cooperation under the accord signed in February.

This is a quite regular visit in the framework of the agreement," ambassador Zvi Elpeleg told Reuters. "You have Turkish generais visiting Israel and Israeli generals visiting Turkey."

The military training accord, which has already brought IDF F-16 jets to an air base in Anatolia, has been strongly protested by Arab countries and Turkey's

The IDF Spokesman declined to comment on Vilna'i's trip.

Court denies reduced sentence for cabbie's teen killers

EVELYN GORDON

THE Supreme Court yesterday refused to reduce the sentences of two teenagers who murdered taxi driver Derek Roth in 1994.

The two, both 15, residents of Herzliya, shot Roth five times while riding in his cab. It was never determined which of them actually pulled the trigger. Tel Aviv District Court sentenced each of them to 16 years in prison, and they appealed to the Supreme Court.

The defense attorneys argued that the boys' youth, the negative effects of a long prison sentence, and their family problems – one boy in particular had a very difficult childhood – were all mitigating circumstances. However, Justices Gavriel Bach. Mishael Cheshin, and Yitzhak Zamir did not accept these arguments.

"This is one of the most frightening cases ever to come before an Israeli court," the justices wrote in their decision. "We are not ignoring the [mitigating circumstances], but all of them are dwarfed in comparison to the horrible crime they committed."

The justices noted that while both boys express regret for their actions now, this was not the case at the time.

Hapoel officials: We didn't misuse funds

Avimor, the association's former director denied charges in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday of misusing funds and conspiring to blacken the name of sports commentator and broadcaster Arye Meliniak.

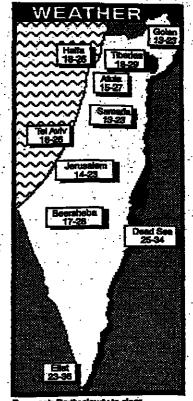
Oberkovitz and Avimor are accused of paying a private investigation company nearly NIS 55,000 to "dig up dirt on Meliniak" to discredit his name and to publish the findings in the

The money paid to the private

tigators to blacken Meliniak's name and damage his credibility.
They are accused of sending certain "findings" against Meliniak to then Education

The two were also questioned by police at the end of 1995 in the Histadrut fraud case, on suspicion of illegally transferring funds to Haim Haberfeld's Histadrut election campaign some two years ago.

The trial resumes in September, after the summer



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An advocate of an independent judiciary, in 1994 he joined with the deans of all the local law schools to condemn attacks on Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak by Shas and the National Religious Party over rulings they felt were changing the religious status quo.

Rosen-Zvi was frequently mentioned as a likely Supreme Court nominee. He is survived by his wife and five children.

Yochi Dreazen

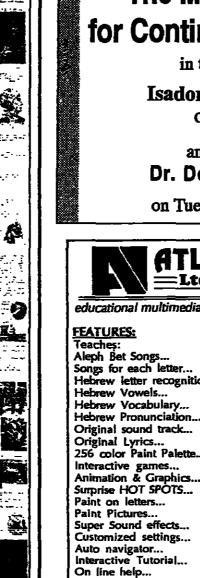
Group demands halt to Trans-Israel **Highway**

Israel Union Environmental Defense yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice, demanding that work on a portion of the Trans-Israel Highway be

The petition charges that the work now being done at the Kassem junction violates both the project's master plan and the Planning and Building Law, and is likely to cause unnecessary environmental dam-

age.

The master plan for the highway states that an environmental impact study must be performed for each section. This study must then be examined by the Environment Ministry, which will prepare instructions on how to minimize the environmental damage. Only after this process is completed can work on the section in question be begun.



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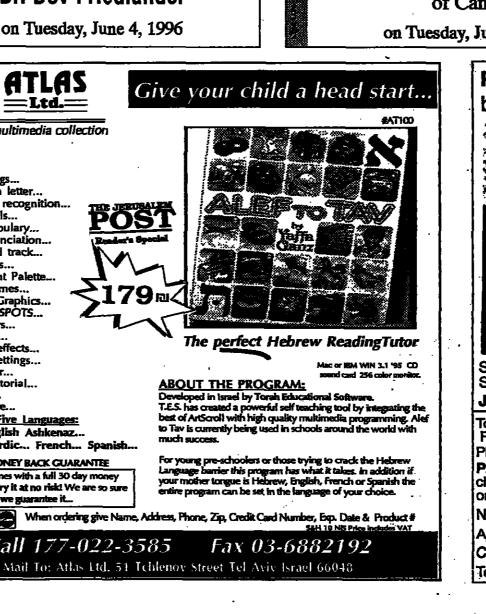
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